2004-2005
PART II

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WITH REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hearing on the Warrant
Monday, April 26, 2004
BURNHAM HALL – 7:30 P.M.
Annual Town Meeting – BUKER SCHOOL
Saturday, May 1, 2004
Election 8:00 A.M. To 12:00 Noon – Meeting 1:00 P.M.
Please bring this Part II with you to the
Hearing and Town Meeting
Matters to be voted do not appear in Part I of the
Town Report

TOTAL VOTERS 2457 927 TOTAL VOTE

5% 123 267 PRESENT

FLOORTELLERS

MACIE
DODGE
LYNCH
MERRY

TOTAL # VOTERS

2456

1 DECEASED

267

SELECTMEN TANOUS HERSEE PICKARD

FIN COM BONNETTE DARLING SPEARING SWARTZ
(LUCY + WEIMAN ABSENT)

BEFORE CONVENING REP HILL SEN TARR

HILL DEEP CUTS – SAYS LITE AT END OF TUNNEL
ECONOMY GETTING BETTER – TAX REVENUES UP SOM
BUT DOES NOT MEAN JOBS

TARR PINPOINTS HEALTH CARE ISSUE ON STATE LEVEL
AS A BIG EXPENSE PROBLEM

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GIVE FIN COM
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TOWN OF WENHAM
UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE BYLAW

Section 1: Authority

This bylaw is adopted by the Town of Wenham under its home rule powers, its police powers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and its authorization under MGL c. 40, §21.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the existing and potential groundwater supply and groundwater recharge areas within the Town of Wenham from contamination. Nothing in this bylaw shall be construed as inconsistent with, or in interference with the authority vested upon the Wenham Fire Chief under MGL c. 148, or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Section 3: Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw.

3.1 "Abandoned" means being out of service for a period of 180 days.

3.2 "Discharge" means the disposal, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, incineration, or placing of any hazardous material or any constituent thereof into or on any land or water so that such material may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwater.

3.3 "Hazardous materials" means any substance or combination of substances which, because of quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to water supplies or human health if disposed into or on any land or water in the Town of Wenham. Any substance deemed a hazardous waste under Section 3001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 40 CFR, part 261, shall also be deemed a hazardous material for the purpose of this bylaw.

3.4 "Leak" means any uncontrolled movement, measured by a testing method accurate to 0.05 gallons per hour, of any hazardous material out of a tank or its components, or any uncontrolled movement of water into a tank or its components.

3.5 "Out of Service" shall mean not in use, with no regular filling or drawing; or not being maintained, without adherence to the requirements of this bylaw; or uncontrolled, without being attended or secured; or any combination thereof.

3.6 "Tank" means any structure used, or designed to be used, for the storage of hazardous materials of any kind.

3.7 "Underground Tank or Storage" shall mean any storage containment systems including piping connection therewith, which meets at least one of the following criteria:

a. The top of which is located below ground; or

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Underground Tank or Storage shall not include the storage of fuel oil for heating purposes in a freestanding container within a building.

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3.9 "Zone II" means that area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can be realistically anticipated, as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Supply pursuant to 310 CMR 22.00 et seq.

Section 4: Underground Storage Tanks

4.1 Installation of single wall underground storage tanks within the boundaries of the Aquifer Protection District and/or Zone II is prohibited.

4.2 All owners of underground storage tanks containing hazardous materials, in any quantity, including owners of buried fuel oil storage tanks, shall file with the Fire Chief the following information within one year of the adoption of this bylaw:

a. Name, address and telephone numbers (day & night) of the owner or operator;
a. The size of the tank and of what material is it made;
b. The type of tank construction, and indication of any leak detection methods in place;
b. The type of hazardous material being stored and quantity;
c. The location of each tank on the premises, complete with sketched map;
d. The age of each tank, evidence of the date of installation, including any permits, if applicable;
e. Description of any previous leaks or spills, including approximate dates, causes, estimated amounts and repairs undertaken; and
f. The date and method of the most recent tank tightness test.

4.3 Owners of tanks located within the Zone II and/or Aquifer Protection District, for which evidence of installation date is not available shall, at the order of the Fire Chief, have such underground tank and systems tested, in accordance with section 4.3 herein. If the testing determines that the tank is not product tight, as established by a tank test conducted in conformance with the methodology prescribed for that test which indicates:(1) there is a substantial likelihood of a leak equal to or greater than 0.05 gallons per hour in a single walled tank; or (2) there is a substantial likelihood of a leak equal to or greater than 0.05 gallons per hour in the inner wall of a double-walled tank, that tank shall be removed within 72-hours following confirmation of the test results. Nothing in this bylaw shall relieve any person from the requirements established in MGL c. 21E or 310 CMR 40.0000 et seq.

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Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to replace or supercede the testing requirements of MGL c. 148 or 527 CMR 9.00, et seq. as amended.

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Section 5: Abandonment

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WENHAM FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FY 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENHAM:

The Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee is pleased to present to you for your review and approval at the annual Town Meeting its recommended budget for the Town for Fiscal Year 2005, beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

Budgets proposed at Town Meeting for the past few years have been close to the Town's levy limit, the level of expenditures which cannot be exceeded without an override procedure under so-called Proposition 2 ½. The budget recommended by the Committee for FY 2005 is again at the levy limit. This situation can be expected to continue for the foreseeable future because of: declining levels of state aid; increasing fixed costs, including costs for general insurance, health insurance, contributory retirement and utilities; and modest new growth.

The projected decrease in state aid for FY 2005 is shown on the Recap sheet in Article 2 under Cherry Sheet Revenue (decrease of 5% or $23,457). Historically, Cherry Sheet Revenue has either been level funded or has increased each year.

Increases in fixed costs for FY 2005 are shown in Article 2. Examples include: Essex County Retirement (Article 2, Item 911, which reflects an increase of 10.4% or $25,975); Employee Group Insurance (Article 2, Item 914, which reflects an increase of 8.6% or $31,044); General Insurance (Article 2, Item 945, which shows an increase of 19.6% or $16,920 in liability insurance costs); and other increases as discussed below.

Estimated "new growth" (increases in property value from new homes and additions as estimated by the Board of Assessors) is shown on the Recap sheet and is one of the factors used to set the levy limit. For FY 2005 the estimated increase in total property valuation from construction of new buildings or additions is $5,253,200. This yields a new growth figure of $60,885, slightly less than FY 2004. Given the limited land available for development in the Town, annual new growth is expected to remain modest. See the new growth history in Appendix 1.

With this background, the Committee's overall approach to formulating the budget for FY 2005 was to maintain essential services, to maintain capital replacement programs to the extent possible, to provide modest increases in compensation for certain employees, and to maintain adequate reserves to address unforeseen occurrences in FY 2005 and future years.

After numerous meetings and discussions with the various Town departments, the various regional committees and the Board of Selectmen, the Finance and Advisory Committee has arrived at a recommended budget which is within the levy limit and which includes the following recommended expenditures under the following Articles on the Warrant:

Article	Amount
Article 2 – General Town Expenses	$11,080,638
Article 3 – Leveling the Tax Rate (transfer from free cash)	$ 553,178
Article 5 – Chapter 90 Highway Funds	$ 76,824

Because the Committee's recommended budget is at the levy limit, please note that any action at Town Meeting which increases the recommended level of expenditures by more than this amount will trigger the need for a Proposition 2 ½ override.

Based on existing information, including current estimates of state reimbursements, charges, and new growth, the budget as recommended will increase the present FY 2004 tax rate of $11.59 by $.71 to $12.30, an increase of 6.13%.

Key elements of the recommended budget are:

Article 2 – General Town Expenses

Wages and Salaries

Article 2 includes increases for police union employees in accordance with that collective bargaining agreement which was settled during FY 2004. Also included are increases, as recommended to the Committee, of 2% to 2½% for certain non-union employees of the Town.

Capital

The capital expenditures included in Article 2 are: one cruiser for the Police Department; a dump truck and a roller for the Highway Department; and installation of a fire alarm box at the Iron Rail property. Also included are fire hydrants, water meters and costs to remove underground tanks for the Water Department, all items which are paid from water revenues and are not included in the tax rate. See Appendix 2.

Reserve Fund (Item 132)

Included as Item 132 is the Reserve Fund authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6, to be administered by the Finance and Advisory Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. The Committee recommends that $160,536 be appropriated for this fund. The amount for this fund has been increased this year to provide for the following additional contingencies: additional costs for outside counsel to defend pending litigation against the Town and to deal with labor and personnel matters; costs of settlement of outstanding collective bargaining agreements that may be settled during the year; costs of emergency repairs to preserve the Town Hall building; costs for the Town's share of additional insurance and other costs for the Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Recreation Program, costs that could not be determined at the time that the budget was finalized.

Finance Director/Town Accountant (Item 135)

Included is the new position of Finance Director/Town Accountant that was recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. The position will be funded at no increase in the budget by a combination of the existing Town Accountant position and a reduction in the Assistant Treasurer position from full time to part time. In addition to the responsibilities of Town Accountant, the Finance Director/Town Accountant will manage annual budget preparation, employee benefits, insurance, and procurement. This change will improve management of these areas.

Regional School District (Item 310)

Included is $4,762,661 for Wenham's share of the expenses for the Regional School District operating budget for FY 2005. A comparison of each town's payments for FY 2004 and FY 2005 and the proposed FY 2005 Regional School District budget are included in Appendix 3.

Sidewalks/Bike Paths (included under Item 422 – Highway Department)

Included is $16,800 to be used along with other available funds for continuation of a program of construction of sidewalks/bike paths during FY 2005 as recommended by the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen. This is in accordance with the Town Meeting vote of May 2001 which accepted the report of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and left to the determination of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen the timing of design and construction of the various phases of the program.

Council on Aging Van (Item 542)

This is a new program that was authorized by Town Meeting in May 2003. The program began operations during the second half of FY 2004. The budget for FY 2005, $49,165, represents the first full year of operations.

Joint Library (Item 620)

Because Wenham is the administering town for the Joint Library, the entire budget is carried in Article 2 - $587,410 for operating costs in Item 620 and $87,451 for employee benefits in Items 911 (Retirement), 914 (Group Insurance) and 916 (Fica/Medicare). This total amount of $674,861 is offset by revenues to be received from Hamilton for its percentage share (62.07%) plus a 10% administrative fee on its share. For details, see the notes to the Recap sheet.

Debt (Items 315, 710, 751, and 29)

Article 2 itemizes actual and estimated bond payments for FY 2005 for capital projects authorized to date. Detailed repayment schedules are shown in Appendix 4.

Article 3 – Leveling the Tax Rate

The Committee recommends transferring $553,178 from free cash to level the tax rate. This will leave a balance in free cash of $250,400.

Article 5 – Chapter 90 Highway Funds

The Committee recommends acceptance of $76,824 in state highway funds. This amount is included on the Recap sheet under revenues and is to be expended by the Highway Department for roadway and related improvements.

The Committee thanks all departments for their assistance in the preparation of this budget. The Committee also thanks the Hamilton Finance Committee for its cooperation with evaluation of the various joint budgets which are shared by our towns.

We look forward to seeing you at the Warrant Hearing on April 26 and at the Town Meeting on May 1.

WENHAM FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John E. Darling, Chairman

David E. Bonnette
Michael S. Lucy
Scott S. Spearing
Lawrence D. Swartz
Henry H. Wieman

RESERVE FUND UP LITIGATION COSTS (SOME CASES TO BE SETTLED)

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WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 1, 2004

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the first of May, 2004, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 3, 2004, at 7:30 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on **Thursday, May 13, 2004,** at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

PAUL READ ABOUT DEMOCRACY FROM TMT

DECORUM —

RESPECT EXPRESSIONS DIVERGENT FROM ONE'S OWN
QUORUM 123
TOWN CLERK
MODERATER
TOWN MTG TIME

MOVE & SECOND IS DONE BY BOARD ——

8AM

ARTICLE 1: **Election of Town Officers**

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectmen for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; Hamilton-Wenham Library Trustee for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Park Commissioners for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Housing Authority member for five years; or take any other action relative thereto.

1:20 PM GAVEL TO ORDER (1)
WELCOME THANK YOUS TO 'WVIS
TROOP 28 (SCOUTS)

ARTICLE 2: **Budget Appropriations**

~~OPERATING~~ OPERATING BUDGET

OVED BY
THN DARLING
LLOWED
READING
ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2005) beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

DARLING PRESENTS OVERVIEW - THEN READS - CAN PUT HOLD IF ?'s

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

DISCUSSION

YES ✓

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

NO

~~UNANIMOUS~~ DECLARED
UNANIMOUS

DECREASE IN REVENUES
INCREASE IN FIXED COST (ESSEX COUNTY RETIREMENT
WABILITY INSU UP

RETIREMENT FUND)
UP

HERSEE (3)
DARLING STEPPING DOWN
CHAMBER MCCARTHY
FLORES
TANOUS
WAGNER B & A
COMMUNITY
NO POLICE DISTRICT
SHARED POLICE STATION
NO DECISION

(2)
~~MEMOAL~~ MEMORIAL
MANZOLI
WILDES

RECAP SHEET
COMPARISON OF FISCAL YEAR 2004 TO 2005

	ACTUAL FY2004 Recap	ESTIMATED FY2005 Recap	INCREASE (DECREASE)
REVENUES			
LOCAL RECEIPTS	858,407	865,907	7,500
WATER	292,276	406,707	114,431
ASSESSMENT To Hamilton - COA Van		33,958	33,958
ASSESSMENT to Hamilton - Joint Library	457,933	457,526	(407)
Local Receipt Subtotal	1,608,616	1,764,098	155,482
CHERRY SHEET REVENUE	469,144	445,687	(23,457)
OTHER (Available Funds)			
Chapter 90	76,780	76,824	44
FREE CASH USED FOR:			
Article 3: To Level the Tax Rate	437,915	553,178	115,263
TOTAL REVENUES	2,592,455	2,839,787	247,332
EXPENDITURES			
ARTICLE 2 SALARIES & WAGES	2,392,224	2,529,123	136,899
ARTICLE 2 EXPENSES	7,564,179	8,423,515	859,336
ARTICLE 2 CAPITAL	106,901	128,000	21,099
CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	109,563	109,563	0
OTHER - Library Offset, Treasurer's Tax Title and Overlay Oeficits to be raised (if any)	14,610	4,610	(10,000)
OVERLAY (Allowance for Abatements)	150,000	150,000	0
SPECIAL ARTICLES			
Chapter 90	76,780	76,824	44
OVERRIDE ARTICLES			
Article 8 COA Van	34,780		(34,780)
Article 14 Rte 97 Traffic Light	45,000		(45,000)
STM 8/20/03 School	121,544		(121,544)
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,615,581	11,421,635	806,054
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Total Expenditures less Total Revenues. This amount is subject to the levy limit)	8,023,126	8,581,848	558,722
PRIOR FISCAL YEAR LEVY LIMIT - before debt exclusion	7,075,391	7,532,874	457,483
2 1/2% Increase	176,885	188,322	11,437
Current New Growth (Value increases from new building)	79,274	60,885	(18,389)
Override Articles	201,324	0	(201,324)
LEVY LIMIT - before adding current year debt exclusion	7,532,874	7,782,080	
PROP 2 1/2 DEBT EXCLUSION	494,222	799,768	
School Debt, Town Hall/Police Station, Joint Library			
LEVY LIMIT - Maximum Allowable Levy	8,027,096	8,581,848	
(Net Amount To Be Raised cannot be higher than this)			
GAP - Levy Limit minus the Net Amount To Be Raised. (If this amount is negative it is beyond the Levy Limit and is not allowable without an override)	3,970	0	
PROPERTY VALUATION	692,245,572	697,498,772	5,253,200
TAX RATE -(Net Amount to be Raised divided by Property Valuation x 1000)	$11.59	$12.30	$0.71

Joint Libr Proj.	118,458
Jt Libr Purch	32,888
Town Hall	24,535
School Reno	347,711
Iron rail boiler	15,024
Town Hall @ 3.456m	261,152
Total	799,768

6.13% increase/ decrease

Please note: $100,000 of expenditures equals approximately $0.14 on the tax rate

Notes to Recap Sheet for FY2005

REVENUE

Local Receipts: Include the following: **$865,907**
Motor Vehicle Excise, Penalties and Interest, Payments is Lieu of Taxes, Charges for Services, Fees, Rentals, Departmental Revenues, Licenses and Permits, Fines and Forfeits, and Investment Income

Water Revenue:
Raised from water use charges. Water Receipts equal Water Budget: **$406,707**

Assessments to Hamilton: Joint Library and Council on Aging Van – FY05 apportionment:
62.07% - Hamilton
37.93% - Wenham

Library Assessment:

Operating Budget:	587,410
Other Expenses (Employee Benefits, Insurance, Etc.):	87,451
Subtotal	$674,861
Hamilton @ 62.07%	418,886
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee	41,889
Less: Credit for FY03 Receipts	(3,249)
Total Assessment to Hamilton – Library	**$457,526**

Council on Aging Van Assessment:

Operating Budget:	42,915
Other Expenses:	570
Subtotal	$49,735
Hamilton @ 62.07%	30,871
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee	3,087
Total Assessment to Hamilton – COA Van	**$33,958**

Cherry Sheet Revenues:
FY04 Cherry Sheet – Original Estimate = $469,144
FY05 Estimate = 95% of FY04 **$445,687**

Other Available Funds: Chapter 90 Funds (Road Repairs): **$76,824**

EXPENSES

Cherry Sheet Charges: Assessed by State **$109,563**

Other Expenditures: Catch all for any other charges which may be assessed to the town without appropriation. This includes cherry sheet offsets and any other deficits that may have to be raised.

FY05 Estimated: **$4,610**

Note: In prior years, amounts for tax title were budgeted as "Other Expenditures." However, in FY05 this amount is included in Article 2, Item 145 Treasurer/Collector, as an expense. This is the recommended procedure of the Department of Revenue.

Overlay: Also known as the Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions – from Assessors
FY05 Amount: **$150,000**

Special Articles: The total dollar amount of the Finance and Advisory Committee's recommended expenditures under all of the warrant articles that affect the tax rate (except Article 2)

Article No: 5 Description: Chapter 90 Amount: **$76,824**

Override Articles: Items that are considered to be beyond the Levy Limit and will require a Town Meeting Vote

Other:
Fiscal Year Levy Limit: From Department of Revenue RECAP Sheet
New Growth: Value increase estimated from Building Permits - FY05 Amt: **$60,885**
This amount is added to the Levy Limit
Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion: Includes Joint Library Project, Town Hall/Police Station Project, Iron Rail Boiler and School Debt

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	50	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES	11,769	12,122	12,122	10,812	10,812
	(Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273/year)					
122-5200	EXPENSES	3,143	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
		14,912	15,122	15,122	13,812	13,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $76,220/year)	61,564	67,392	69,000	74,854	76,220
123-5200	EXPENSES	2,785	4,306	3,000	3,000	6,000
		64,349	71,698	72,000	77,854	82,220
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	363	115	500	500	500
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND			120,000	126,942	160,536
135	**FINANCE DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $58,425/year)	39,159	43,260	44,558	56,552	69,730
	(Asst. position shared w/ Town Administrator 13 hrs/wk @ $16.66/hr)					
135-5200	EXPENSES	2,981	1,827	3,225	2,815	5,000
	Note: The increase in salary for the new position of Finance Director has been funded by changing the Asst. Collector position (Item 145) from full time to part time.	42,140	45,087	47,783	59,367	74,730
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	12,000	20,000	14,000	15,000	16,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES	41,362	45,788	51,608	53,708	53,981
	(Chief Assessor @ ~~$29,092~~/yr) 25,092					
	(Asst. Assessor @ $16.83/hr) - (Subs. @ $337/yr)					
141-5200	EXPENSES	5,565	8,050	7,240	10,575	11,225
141-5800	CAPITAL	1,700	0	0	0	0
		48,626	53,838	58,848	64,283	65,206

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145	**TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES 45,613	69,683	71,105	73,736	75,975	66,071
	(Treasurer / Collector @ ~~$45,163~~/year + $100 long.)					
	(Assistant Collector - part time @ $20,358/yr)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	13,754	13,887	14,810	4,110	4,110
145-5200	TAX TITLE EXP					10,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				10,300	10,300
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	2,485	2,102	563	600	0
		85,922	87,094	89,109	90,985	90,481
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	2,245	2,853	3,750	3,750	0
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	21,039	31,890	20,000	20,000	40,000
		30,284	41,743	30,750	30,750	47,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES		4,000	4,000	4,000	0
155-5200	EXPENSES	22,936	36,806	25,000	8,000	14,500
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				25,200	36,790
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)			0	10,000	15,000
		22,936	40,806	29,000	47,200	66,290 HOLD
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES 36,733	50,604	61,313	52,289	52,118	65,291
	(Permit Office ~~$36,922~~/yr + $300 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ 19.5 hrs/wk @ $16.66/hr)					
	(Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $14.43/hr)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	40,255	35,356	46,350	45,475	46,237
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			6,000		
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings				8,000	8,000
159-5320	Cleaning Services			7,500	7,588	0
159-5700	OTHER - Wetlands Delineation - Boulder Lane		10,901	0	0	9,000
159-5800	CAPITAL	4,000	0	0	0	0
		94,859	107,570	112,139	113,181	128,528
161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $40,644/yr + $200 longevity)	36,703	37,075	39,026	41,297	40,844
161-5200	EXPENSES	3,405	2,183	2,675	2,275	3,050
		40,108	39,258	41,701	43,572	43,894

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162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	5,743	4,345	4,109	3,850	5,439
162-5200	EXPENSES	5,042	4,490	13,560	10,185	17,921
162-5700	OTHER				0	0
		10,785	8,835	17,669	14,035	23,360
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $18.24/hour - 20 hrs. per wk)	17,863	14,419	18,419	19,188	19,043
171-5200	EXPENSES	4,215	5,055	5,088	3,244	3,315
		22,079	19,474	23,507	22,432	22,358
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,500	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	500	54	500	500	500
		2,000	1,599	2,045	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	500	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	227	0	150	150	150
		727	515	665	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	6,178	5,739	7,200	6,700	6,700
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	5,630	5,798	0	0	0
198-5200	EXPENSES	2,511	2,387	6,020	2,653	3,653
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning				3,367	
		8,141	8,185	6,020	6,020	3,653
199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Salary @ $8,172/yr + Additional Maint. @ $668/yr)	5,086	7,974	8,485	8,680	8,840
199-5200	EXPENSES	34,353	11,756	9,300	6,600	6,600
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				2,700	2,700
199-5800	CAPITAL	0	32,995	0	5,500	5,000
		39,439	52,725	17,785	23,480	23,140 HOLD
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	545,850	619,403	705,893	758,873	871,168

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	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	731,367	742,643	759,054	775,649	841,271
	(Chief @ $74 522 - base/year + 300 longevity)					
210-5200	EXPENSES	54,827	54,283	57,081	57,781	58,581
210-5800	CAPITAL	26,923	28,982	56,000	30,000	30,000
		813,117	825,908	872,135	863,430	929,852
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS	233,726	102,643	107,575	122,167	133,219
	(Chief @ $33,620/year)					
	(Fire Prevention Officer @ $49,614/year)					
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES		134,336	136,104	141,890	141,890
220-5200	EXPENSES	45,212	53,492	57,820	59,000	59,000
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	29,004	37,059	41,899	42,725	42,725
220-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0
		307,942	327,530	343,398	365,782	376,834
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	34,749	36,480	39,110	40,283	38,980
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES	14,725	15,167	17,208	17,798	17,996
	(Building Inspector @ $16,396/year)					
	(Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600/year)					
241-5200	EXPENSES	157	347	2,450	500	500
		14,882	15,514	19,658	18,298	18,496
243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $3,882/year)	3,500	3,605	3,713	3,806	3,882
243-5200	EXPENSES	384	300	425	425	425
		3,884	3,905	4,138	4,231	4,307
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES	7,090	7,303	8,206	8,411	8,579
	(Electrical Inspector @ $8,579/year)					
245-5200	EXPENSES	112	376	1,100	500	500
		7,202	7,679	9,306	8,911	9,079

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249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	851	2,547	2,598	3,021	3,021
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,651	1,956	2,933	2,676	2,676
249-5800	CAPITAL	0	6,995	0	0	0
		3,502	11,498	5,531	5,697	5,697
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,518	1,602	2,000	2,000	2,000
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $6,078/year) (Deer Officer @ $2,122/year)	7,729	7,961	8,200	8,200	8,200
292-5200	EXPENSES	650	150	2,500	2,000	2,000
		8,379	8,111	10,700	10,200	10,200
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,315/year)	1,181	1,221	1,258	1,289	1,315
294-5200	EXPENSES	12,438	14,432	15,400	1,900	1,900
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	1,500	9,675	11,200	24,700	24,500
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement	2,000	305	2,000	2,000	2,000
		17,119	25,633	29,858	29,889	29,715
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	18,873	19,628	21,000	19,000	17,850
298-5700	OTHER				4,029	0
298-5800	CAPITAL	14,115	9,916	9,300	0	0
		32,988	29,544	30,300	23,029	17,850
299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $10,416)	121,383	118,594	128,560	138,347	153,271
299-5700	OTHER	0	0	3,000	0	0
299-5800	CAPITAL			0	5,401	0
		121,383	118,594	131,560	143,748	153,271
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,366,665	1,411,998	1,497,694	1,515,498	1,596,281

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	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	3,398,597	3,944,651	4,196,091	4,491,831	4,762,661
	FY04 base $4,370,288 + override $121,543 = 4,491,831					
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	42,659	41,976	43,227	44,576	65,857
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	218,367	218,003	220,247	218,072	231,515
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)			44,708	50,903	50,339
		261,026	259,979	308,182	313,551	347,711
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	3,659,623	4,204,630	4,504,273	4,805,382	5,110,372
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	53,989	55,818	58,406	74,232	57,364
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	3,713,612	4,260,448	4,562,679	4,879,614	5,167,736
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	343,531	344,303	363,155	383,125	382,697
	(DPW Director @ $71,027/year)					
	(Foreman @ $25.04/hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity)					
	Foreman shared w/water dept.					
	(Other Wages @ $17.53 - 20.60/hour)					
422-5200	EXPENSES	32,531	23,962	32,000	33,500	35,900
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	36,864	58,749	50,900	60,200	60,200
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS		16,800	16,800	16,800	16,800
422-5800	CAPITAL	81,766	8,525	55,000	24,000	45,000
		494,692	452,339	517,855	517,625	540,597
423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	39,903	20,230	36,050	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	67,148	42,105	54,000	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	3,000	0	0	0	0
		110,051	62,335	90,050	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	30,896	30,432	36,211	36,211	37,300

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429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	43,135	32,758	33,000	38,500	38,500
		43,135	32,758	33,000	38,500	38,500
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	327,317	294,887	300,000	239,000	238,000
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $37.57/wk)		2,000	1,868	1,915	1,954
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	4,209	3,133	4,728	4,000	5,600
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	350	500	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	150	200	200	200	200
		4,709	5,833	7,296	6,615	8,254
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	28,363	34,928	36,590	44,090	44,090
		28,363	34,928	36,590	44,090	44,090
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,039,163	913,512	1,021,002	972,091	996,791
	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES (Inspector of Animals @$2,000/year) (Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)	1,885	1,942	2,120	2,120	2,120
510-5200	EXPENSES	8,003	8,299	10,500	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $50/hr				10,500	10,500
510-5700	OTHER - FY05 - Pleasant Pond Restoration	0	18,229	16,430	2,800	300
		9,888	28,470	29,050	18,220	15,720
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES			2,600	2,600	1,360
541-5200	EXPENSES	3,218	2,895	3,930	3,930	8,000
		3,218	2,895	6,530	6,530	9,360

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542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES				34,780	42,915
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $14.28/hr)					
	Dispatcher & 2 Drivers (each @ 18hrs/wk @ $10.20/hr)					
542-5200	EXPENSES				0	6,250
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
	Note: COA Van program was funded for 6 months in FY04 via an override. This program is funded for 12 months in FY05.				34,780	49,165
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	17,544	17,931	12,624	12,624	13,559
		17,544	18,931	13,624	13,624	14,559
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	30,650	50,296	49,204	73,154	88,804
	CULTURE and RECREATION					
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**					
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES		332,294			
5101	Director (Salary @ $58,434/yr)			55,619	57,667	58,434
	Assistant Director				0	0
	Subtotal Administration			55,619	57,667	58,434
5102	Head Reference (@ $30,712/year) 29,126			31,925	33,101	30,712
5103	Reference (@ ~~$29,286~~/year + $100 longevity)			27,819	28,843	29,296
5104	Head Childrens (@ $33,505/year + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,201	33,605
5105	Childrens (@ $30,260/year)			28,832	29,894	30,260
5106	Head of Circulation (@ $33,505/yr + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,201	33,605
5107	Administrative Assistant (@ $29,196/year)			27,818	28,843	29,196
5108	Technical Services (@ $39,998/year + $400 longevity)			38,111	39,615	40,398
	Subtotal Professional			218,355	226,698	227,072
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($11.31-$12.92/hr)			74,955	83,216	58,951
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $14.43/hr.					18,831
	2 Shelvers @ 7 hrs/wk. @ $8.04/hr.					5,876
	Subtotal Support				83,216	83,658
	Total Salaries		332,294	348,929	367,581	369,164

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620-5200	EXPENSES		12,217	183,693			
5201	Library Books				81,900	85,575	88,000
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals				10,000	8,000	8,000
5203	Furniture & Equipment				2,000	500	600
5204	Technology				38,000	38,000	35,926
5205	General Supplies				13,200	14,000	12,100
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel				3,200	3,500	1,000
5207	Programs				3,000	3,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities				65,000	52,500	52,200
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds				5,500	12,145	19,420
5210	Other				3,000	0	0
		Total Expenses	12,217	183,693	224,800	217,220	218,246
620-5800	CAPITAL						0
		Total Capital					0
	TOTAL LIBRARY		12,217	515,987	573,729	584,801	587,410
640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**						
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,714 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)		27,979	36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206
			27,979	36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**						
650-5100	WAGES		596	0	4,000	6,500	6,650
650-5200	EXPENSES		769	2,370	3,244	3,000	6,350
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES		0	0	0	0	650
650-5700	OTHER		0	6,450	0	0	0
			1,366	8,820	7,244	9,500	13,650

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691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	0	220	300	300	300
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	950	979	1,008	1,008	1,038
		950	979	1,008	1,008	1,038
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	500	500	500
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	500	500	500	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	43,011	563,121	625,786	641,724	655,604
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	175,452	226,230	255,136	250,144	276,119
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,288	2,300	2,300	2,300
		177,740	228,518	257,436	252,444	278,419
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	297,985	249,212	310,607	361,891	392,935
914-5220	UNEMPLOYMENT	375	1,125	21,500	0	15,960
		298,360	250,337	332,107	361,891	408,895
916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	37,311	42,700	31,700	25,000	27,000
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	56,119	64,319	75,600	85,473	91,393
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance					11,000
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
		56,119	64,319	76,600	86,473	103,393
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	569,530	585,874	697,843	725,808	817,707

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/00 6/30/01	Actual 7/1/01 6/30/02	Actual 7/1/02 6/30/03	Budgeted 7/1/03 6/30/04	Recommended 7/1/04 6/30/05
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	80,000	80,000	25,000	0	0
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	0	69,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)				15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT				0	116,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER					12,000
	Subtotal - Principal	80,000	189,000	135,000	125,000	253,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	10,120	5,800	1,400	0	0
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	11,613	12,449	9,383	8,583	7,783
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	7,347	127,186	54,058	51,258	48,458
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE		16,721	14,488	13,688	12,888
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)				10,135	9,535
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN Hall / POLICE PROJECT				72,555	145,152
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER					3,024
	Subtotal - Interest	29,080	162,156	79,329	156,219	226,840
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	109,080	351,156	214,329	281,219	479,840
	Subtotal General Fund	**7,417,560**	**8,755,808**	**9,374,430**	**9,847,981**	**10,673,931**
	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	99,343	101,481	106,918	109,021	110,492
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $57,956/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ ~~$24.55/hr~~-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway) 25.01					
	(Other Wages @ $20.09/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	60,001	64,142	71,600	74,900	75,690
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				12,640	27,440
29-5800	CAPITAL	23,079	31,758	44,300	42,000	48,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	182,423	197,381	222,818	238,561	261,622
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL		95,000	90,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST		75,620	71,820	58,085	70,085
	Subtotal Water Tank		170,620	161,820	133,085	145,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	182,423	368,001	384,638	371,646	406,707
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**7,599,983**	**9,123,809**	**9,759,068**	**10,219,627**	**11,080,638**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/00 6/30/01	Actual 7/1/01 6/30/02	Actual 7/1/02 6/30/03	Budgeted 7/1/03 6/30/04	Recommended 7/1/04 6/30/05

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE 2 AS SHOWN ON RECAP SHEET

WAGES	2,529,123
EXPENSES	8,423,515
CAPITAL	128,000
TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**11,080,638**

CARDS NO TELLERS

MOVED BY SWARTZ

DECARE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

ARTICLE 3: **Level Tax Rate**

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005.

553,~~078~~ 178
LOOK UP

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 4: **Cemetery and Other Trust Funds**

NO TELLERS
VOTER CARDS UNANIMOUS DECLARED YES

BONNEIR MOVED

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2004, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 5: **Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding**

SPEARING MOVES

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $76,824 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

NO TELLERS VOTER CARDS UNANIMOUS DECLARED

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 6: **Senior Tax Relief**

SELECTMEN PICKARD

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59, Section 5 last paragraph, to increase the annual exemption pursuant to clause Seventeenth D by an amount not to exceed the increase in the cost of living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for each year, effective commencing in FY04, and accept the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 5, clause Seventeenth E providing for an annual increase in the amount of exemption pursuant to clause Seventeenth D; or to take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED FAVORABLE

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

VOTER CARDS NO TELLERS
DECLARED UNANIMOUS YES

12% WILL BE ADDED TO WATER BILL OVER 10 YEARS — ALATEIMAN — WOULD BE 1,000,000 TO REPLACE IT

ARTICLE 7: Lord's Hill Water Tank Painting

BE BORROWED ?

To see if the Town will vote to approve the painting of the Lord's Hill water tank and to authorize that a sum of money not to exceed $350,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44, as a general obligation of the town, the principal, interest, and cost of which, however, are to be paid by the water rates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 8: Tax Bill Contribution Options – Town Scholarship

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS
SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSION — 10/1 IN FAV

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, §3C which authorizes a Town to designate a place on a tax bill issued or administered by the Town whereby taxpayers of the Town may voluntarily donate to a Town Scholarship Fund, the purposes of which shall be to provide educational financial aid to deserving town residents selected by a scholarship committee consisting of the Superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (or the Superintendent's designee) and at least four residents of the town appointed by the Board of Selectmen; or to take any other action relative thereto.

SOME OPPOSED

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE
The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
RECOMMEND FAVORABLE
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: Tax Bill Contribution Options – Elderly & Disabled Relief

NO TELLERS VOTER CARDS — SOME OPPOSITION

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, §3D which authorizes a Town to designate a place on a tax bill issued or administered by the Town whereby taxpayers of the Town may voluntarily donate to a Town Aid To Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income selected by a Taxation Aid Committee comprised of the chairman of the Board of Assessors, the Town Treasurer, and three residents of the town appointed by the Board of Selectmen; or to take any other action relative thereto.

FAVORABLE
The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
FAVORABLE

ARTICLE 10: Underground Petroleum Storage Bylaw

VOTER CARDS
TELLERS
2/3 REQUIRED

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Wenham for the regulation of underground petroleum storage tanks (UST), in the form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection, to protect, preserve and maintain the existing and potential groundwater supply and groundwater recharge areas within the Town of Wenham from contamination by oil or

YES 210 — 2/3 = 23 — PASSED

hazardous materials by requiring that owners of properties located within the Zone II of the Wenham public water supply and the Aquifer Protection District register their UST with the Wenham Fire Department, and to test all tanks older than 15 years, or for which there is no information on the date of installation, on an annual basis by a licensed company at the expense of the property owner, and to remove the UST in accordance with state requirements if the UST fails, and also to prohibit installation of new single-wall USTs within the Zone II and Aquifer Protection District; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

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ARTICLE 11: **Operating Budget – Regional School District**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for the $20,510,326 annual operating expenses of the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2004, at the Buker School, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $255,119 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2004?"

VOTED FAVORABLE (AFTER PRINT DEADLINE)
The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
VOTED FAVORABLE ALSO

ARTICLE 12: **To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting**

DONALD GALLANT MOVES
MCGRATH SPEAKS ABOUT COVERAGE OF MTGS.
NUMBER OF OFFICIALS + PUBLIC ATTENDING
VOTER CARDS
5 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

2 NO/TELLERS NO CARDS
DECLARED PASSED

APPENDICES

Appendix Number	Subject
1.	New Growth History
2.	Recommended Capital Expenditures by Department
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	- Basis for 2005 Payments to Regional School District as Recommended in Article 2, Item 310
	- School District Budget for FY 2005
4.	Bond Repayment Schedule
5.	How Your Tax Dollars Are Spent
6.	Reserve Fund and Free Cash Summaries
7.	Municipal Finance Terminology

~~VOTE RE~~

VOTER RESULTS ANNOUNCED

MOTION TO A D SECONDED
UNANIMOUS
ADJOURN TO TUES MAY 13 & THEN

3:40 PM

APPENDIX NO. 1

NEW GROWTH HISTORY

NEW GROWTH HISTORY

New Growth Tax Value
(Value Added to Levy Limit)

FY2005 - Estimated	60,885
FY2004	79,274
FY2003	51,322
FY2002	94,429
FY2001	84,358
FY2000	210,303
FY1999	147,707
FY1998	61,384
FY1997	95,580
FY1996	41,757
FY1995	107,516

APPENDIX NO. 2

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED FY2005 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT		DESCRIPTION	AMT	FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARTICLE 2	SPECIAL ARTICLE
199	Iron Rail	Move Fire Alarm Box to Main Lobby	5,000	5,000	
210	Police	Cruiser Replacement	30,000	30,000	
422	Highway	Ford F-350 One Ton Dump	35,000	35,000	
		Dyna-Pac Roller	10,000	10,000	
620	Water	Hydrant and Meter Replacement	43,000	43,000	
		Underground Storage Tank Removal	5,000	5,000	
		Paint and Repair Lord's Hill Water Tank	350,000		*350,000
			$478,000	**$128,000**	**$350,000**

* Estimated amount. Actual amount will be determined by results of public bidding.

APPENDIX NO. 3

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN OF WENHAM
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BASIS FOR FY2005 PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AS RECOMMENDED IN ARTICLE 2, ITEM 310

I. FY2004 PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

		HAMILTON		WENHAM	TOTAL
Allocation by Enrollment for FY2004	(69.88%)	10,535,102	(30.12%)	4,491,831	15,026,933

II. FY2005 PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS RECOMMENDED BY WENHAM AND HAMILTON FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

		HAMILTON		WENHAM		TOTAL
Allocation by Enrollment for FY2005	(69.51%)	10,926,393	(30.49%)	4,792,774	=	15,719,167
Debt Offset		+ 30,113		- 30,113		
Net Payments for FY2005		10,956,506		4,762,661	=	15,719,167
Change from FY2004		+ 421,404		+ 270,830	=	692,234
Percent Change from FY2004		4.0%		6.03%		

NOTE: The two Towns share the total annual budget for the Regional School District on the basis of enrollment. As was the case last year, the number of students from Wenham has continued to increase relative to the number of students from Hamilton .

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
FY05 School Committee Budget
APPROVED BUDGET
March 31, 2004

TOTAL DISTRICT	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	1,418,528	-$20,519	-1.4%
Instructional Salaries	$8,206,842	-$770,401	-8.6%
Instructional Expenses	$398,054	$51,443	14.8%
Utilities	$570,100	$62,749	12.4%
Maintenance	$547,052	$45,603	9.1%
Custodial Salaries	$492,664	-$36,541	-6.9%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$331,062	$69,277	26.5%
Health Services	$169,955	-$5,780	-3.3%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,306,407	$522,352	29.3%
Transportation	$486,896	$10,201	2.1%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip	$66,818	-$25,139	-27.3%
Curriculum & Instruction	$44,453	$18,463	71.0%
Special Education	$3,872,389	$355,544	10.1%
Misc. Expenses	$203,895	$13,765	7.2%
Other Expenses	$0	$0	
Gross Budget Total	19,115,114	$291,016	1.55%

Non-Tax Revenues	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Transportation	$185,388	-$210,382	-53.2%
Chapter 70 Aid	$3,061,591	-$412,809	-11.9%
Non-resident Tuition (School Choice)	$461,783	-$49,355	-9.7%
Reserves	$120,468	-$128,232	-51.6%
Interest Income	$21,000	$4,842	30.0%
Parking Fees	$15,000	$157	
Rent/Medicaid/PreSchool/Misc	$90,500	-$127,387	-58.5%
State Wards	$0	$0	
Fee-based (Band, chorus, Xtra-curric.)	$30,850	$18,316	146.1%
Athletic Fund	$101,600	$13,600	15.5%
Total Revenues	$4,088,180	($891,250)	-17.90%

Net Budget Total	$15,026,934	$1,182,266	8.54%

Town Appropriations	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Hamilton Operational Share (by enrollment .6951/FY05)	$10,500,821	$743,099	7.62%
Wenham Operational Share (by enrollment .3049/FY05)	$4,526,112	$439,166	10.75%

Hamilton Debt Offset	$34,281
Wenham Debt Offset	-$34,281

Hamilton Total Assessment	$10,535,102	$741,286	7.57%
Wenham Total Assessment	$4,491,831	$440,979	10.89%

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
FY05 School Committee Budget
APPROVED BUDGET
March 31, 2004

Cutler	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$119,950	$396	0.3%
Instructional Salaries	$1,166,405	$23,610	2.1%
Instructional Expenses	$52,357	$9,007	20.8%
Utilities	$65,200	$12,210	23.0%
Maintenance	$49,350	$1,525	3.2%
Custodial Salaries	$69,354	$26,779	62.9%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$3,000	$1,600	114.3%
Health Services	$22,154	-$7,601	-25.5%
Other Expenses		$0	
Subtotal	$1,547,769	$67,525	4.56%

Winthrop	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$120,885	$325	0.3%
Instructional Salaries	$1,153,435	-$7,219	-0.6%
Instructional Expenses	$59,500	-$1,572	-2.6%
Utilities	$83,500	$4,352	5.5%
Maintenance	$46,700	$106	0.2%
Custodial Salaries	$69,354	-$4,740	-6.4%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$3,000	$1,600	114.3%
Health Services	$40,757	$1,499	3.8%
Other Expenses		$0	
Subtotal	$1,577,130	-$5,649	-0.36%

Buker	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Offices' Salaries	$108,976	-$8,855	-7.5%
Instructional Salaries	$716,605	-$124,885	-14.8%
Instructional Expenses	$35,050	$6,537	22.9%
Utilities	$82,900	$12,575	17.9%
Maintenance	$41,900	$8,888	26.9%
Custodial Salaries	$69,304	$2,630	3.9%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$3,000	$1,600	114.3%
Health Services	$22,529	-$6,846	-23.3%
Other Expenses		$0	
Subtotal	$1,080,263	-$108,356	-9.12%

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
FY05 School Committee Budget
APPROVED BUDGET
March 31, 2004

Middle School	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$223,826	$2,327	1.1%
Instructional Salaries	$1,693,975	-$379,400	-18.3%
Instructional Expenses	$108,646	$26,550	32.3%
Utilities	$120,500	$2,845	2.4%
Maintenance	$58,350	$9,119	18.5%
Custodial Salaries	$104,437	-$9,815	-8.6%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$24,429	$17,212	238.5%
Health Services	$40,463	$3,501	9.5%
Other Expenses		$0	
Subtotal	$2,374,625	-$327,662	-12.13%

High School	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$283,947	-$23,660	-7.7%
Instructional Salaries	$3,205,711	-$218,722	-6.4%
Instructional Expenses	$142,503	$10,922	8.3%
Utilities	$188,000	$10,233	5.8%
Maintenance	$79,900	$15,675	24.4%
Custodial Salaries	$151,706	-$40,624	-21.1%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$297,633	$47,265	18.9%
Health Services	$42,552	$2,167	5.4%
Other Expenses		$0	
Subtotal	$4,391,951	-$196,744	-4.29%

Special Education	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$143,996	$2,981	2.11%
Instructional Salaries	$2,158,647	$197,084	10.05%
Instructional Expenses	$233,935	-$2,670	-1.13%
Utilities	$22,280	$2,250	11.23%
Transportation	$331,964	$2,936	0.89%
Out-of-District Tuition	$981,568	$152,963	18.46%
Other Expenses		$0	
Subtotal	$3,872,389	$355,544	10.11%

Central Offices	03-04 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$560,947	$8,949	1.62%
Instructional Salaries	$270,713	-$63,787	-19.07%
Custodial Salaries	$28,509	-$10,771	-27.42%
Utilities	$30,000	$20,534	216.92%
Health Services	$1,500	$1,500	#DIV/0!
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,306,407	$522,352	29.28%
Transportation	$486,896	$10,201	2.14%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip.	$66,818	-$25,139	-27.34%
Curriculum & Instruction/Staff Development	$44,453	$18,463	71.04%
Maintenance	$270,852	$10,290	3.95%
Misc. Expenses	$203,895	$13,765	7.24%
Other Expenses		$0	
Subtotal	$4,270,990	$506,357	13.45%

APPENDIX NO. 4

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

FY	* $4,550,000 ** School 91 Project	* $24,781,000 ** School 97 Project	* $1,300,000 ** School Boiler	* 4.54% $1,294,000 Joint Library	* 4.54% $350,000 Lease Buy-out	4.54% $245,000 Fire Truck	* 4.54% $244,000 Town Hall	* Estimated 4.20% $3,456,000 Town Hall	* Estimated 4.20% $72,000 Iron Rail Boiler	Total Payments	Tax Rate Impact	4.54% 1,471,000 Water Tank
											FY05 est. values 697,498,772	
2005	65,857	231,515	50,339	118,458	32,888	27,782	24,535	261,152	15,024	827,550	1.19	130,085
2006	66,428	229,520	59,150	115,658	32,088	26,982	23,935	260,280	12,520	826,561	1.19	127,085
2007	64,164	230,888	47,961	112,858	31,288	26,183	23,335	260,240	12,100	809,017	1.16	124,085
2008	66,154	233,351	46,772	110,058	30,488	25,383	22,735	259,990	11,680	806,611	1.16	121,085
2009	65,460	233,420	45,483	107,258	29,688	24,583	22,135	259,530	6,260	793,817	1.14	118,085
2010	55,538	235,895	44,096	104,388	28,868	23,763	21,520	258,860	6,050	778,978	1.12	115,010
2011	43,103	235,262	42,610	101,448	28,028	22,923	20,890	257,980	5,840	758,084	1.09	111,860
2012	0	238,382	41,123	103,438	27,168	17,062	20,245	256,890	5,630	709,938	1.02	108,635
2013		238,356	0	100,063	26,268	16,388	19,570	255,590	5,420	661,655	0.95	105,260
2014		238,650		96,613	25,348	15,698	18,880	259,080	5,210	659,479	0.95	101,810
2015		239,487		88,125	19,418	0	18,183	257,150		622,363	0.89	98,323
2016		240,937		84,800	18,705		12,470	260,010		616,922	0.88	99,760
2017		242,224		71,440	17,985		11,990	257,450		601,089	0.86	95,920
2018		243,921		68,500	17,250		11,500	259,680		600,851	0.86	92,000
2019		244,234		60,500	16,500		11,000	256,490		588,724	0.84	88,000
2020		0		57,750	15,750		10,500	258,090		342,090	0.49	84,000
2021				0	0		0	259,270		259,270	0.37	0
2022								260,030		260,030	0.37	
2023								255,370		255,370	0.37	
2024								260,500		260,500	0.37	
Totals	426,704	3,556,042	377,534	1,501,355	397,728	226,747	293,423	5,173,632	85,734	12,038,899	0.86 Avg. Impact	1,721,003

* Debt Exclusion

** School Debt is estimated based on current statistical information (this will change from year to year as statistical data changes.)

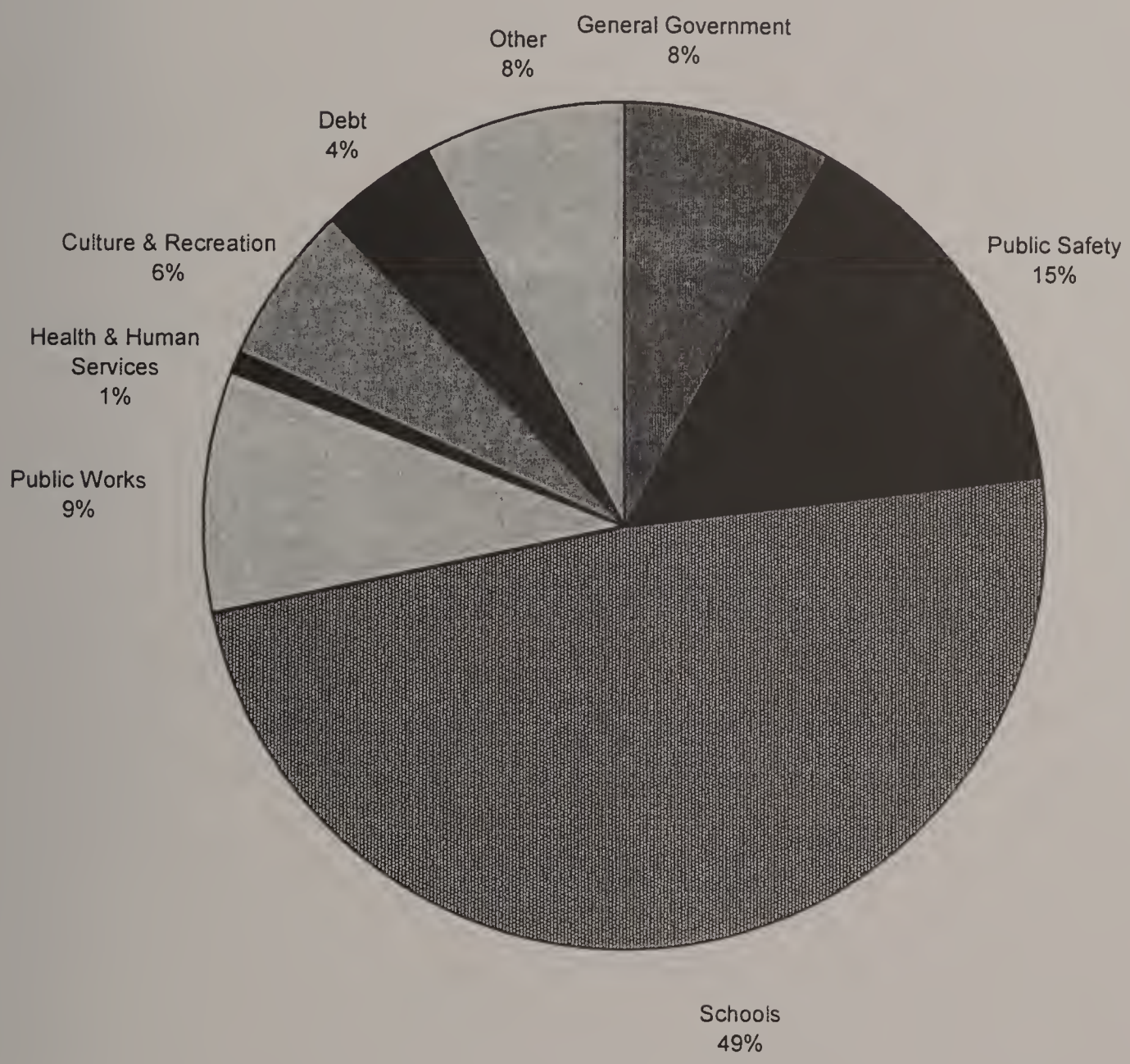
NOTE: Authorized & Unissued:

Town Hall / Police Project	$3,456,000	($3,700,000 Voted ATM 5/4/02 less $244,000 Transferred from Water Tank Project.)
Iron Rail Boiler	$72,000	

APPENDIX NO. 5

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

THIS IS HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT



FIVE YEAR VALUATION AND TAX RATE HISTORY

FISCAL YEAR	VALUATION	TAX RATE / $1,000 VALUE
2000	$448,821,898	$13.46
2001	$493,070,598	$12.71
2002	$600,635,231	$11.62
2003	$687,618,285	$11.03
2004	$692,245,572	$11.59

APPENDIX NO. 6

RESERVE FUND AND FREE CASH SUMMARIES

RESERVE FUND & FREE CASH SUMMARIES

RESERVE FUND 2003-2004

Listed are the transfers voted by your Finance and Advisory Committee from July 1, 2003 through March 30, 2004 from the Reserve Fund of $126,942 created at the Annual Town Meeting

Town Hall Expense (Financial Plan Update)	$	3,700.00
Vehicle Maintenance		5,921.25
Unemployment		3,000.00
Police – Salaries		15,282.00
Police – Salaries		18,091.00
General Insurance		5,000.00
Unemployment		5,000.00
Town Hall Expense (Design Alternatives)		10,000.00
Town Hall Expense (Regionalization Study)		5,875.00
Town Counsel (Outside Counsel)		6,500.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	$	78,369.25
BALANCE AS OF 3-30-04	$	48,572.75

CERTIFIED FREE CASH (As of July 1st)
1992-2003

2003	$	803,578
2002		687,915
2001		691,247
2000		996,102
1999		765,593
1998		361,970
1997		532,444
1996		809,190
1995		770,128
1994		451,910
1993		317,065
1992		390,398

APPENDIX NO. 7

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meeting. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of their meaning, the following definitions are provided:

Balance as of 3-30-04

FREE CASH: **$803,578**

Free cash is a community's unrestricted available funds that may be used as a funding source for appropriations. Free Cash is generated when actual revenue collections exceeds budgeted estimates and when actual expenditures are less than budgeted appropriations, or a combination of both.

OVERLAY: (Allowance For Abatements and Exemptions) **$126,671**

An account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions, and uncollected taxes in that year. This amount is provided by the Board of Assessors and is raised on the tax recapitulation sheet.

STABILIZATION FUND: **$399,974**

A fund designed to accumulate funds for capital and other future spending purposes. A community may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding 10% of the tax levy of the preceding year for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund. Amounts from this fund may be appropriated by a two-thirds vote, at a Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

RESERVE FUND: **$48,573**

An amount set aside annually within the budget of a Town, not to exceed 5% of the tax levy for the preceding year. Transfers from this fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance and Advisory Committee and are for "extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures."

CHERRY SHEET:

An official notification from the State (originally printed on cherry-colored paper), which itemizes State Aid due to communities, as well as State and County charges assessed to communities. The resulting net receipt of funds is used by the Town to offset the "Amount to be Raised". The Cherry Sheet is usually received from the State in the Fall and is necessary before the Board of Assessors can set the tax rate.

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US POSTAGE
PAID
WENHAM, MA
PERMIT 135

POSTAL PATRON
WENHAM, MA 01984

PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004
1:00 P.M.

AT THE BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL

TOWN OF WENHAM

2004
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
PART 1

TOWN REPORTS

PART I 2004

To all the citizens of Wenham:

Your Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this report of our Town's activities in 2004, the twenty-forth year under Proposition 2 ½ and the fifth of the new millennium.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2005**. The Warrant for this meeting along with the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Committee and this Board, will be found in the separate booklet, Part II. We hope you will study it before the hearing on the budget, which will be held at **Buker School** on **Monday, May 2, 2005 at 7:30 P.M**. We trust you will give this budget your consideration and come to the meetings prepared to participate actively in our deliberations.

DONALD PICKARD, Chairman
THOMAS TANOUS
PETER HERSEE

Cover Photo: Town of Wenham Flag Dedication – January 12, 2005
Hall of Flags – Massachusetts State House
Girl Scouts of Troop 615

ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THOMAS TANOUS, CHAIRMAN DONALD PICKARD, PETER HERSEE

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2004 – 2005

MODERATOR
Paul D. Weaver (2005) 2006

TOWN CLERK
Frances Harte Young (2005) 2006

SELECTMEN
Donald J. Pickard (2006)
Peter A. Hersee, (2005) 2008
Thomas Tanous (2007)

ASSESSORS
John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman (2005) DID NOT RUN
Paul E. Mendonca (2007) RESIGNED
John D. McCrae (2006) resigned
Sean W. Condon (2005) appointed DID NOT RUN

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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Dorothy D. Maciejowski, Chairman (2005) 2008
Dana P. Bagnell (2006) MUST RUN
Charles A. Brigham (2007) RESIGNED 11/30/05

RICHARD CAVES MUST RUN FOR 1 YEAR TO 2007

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. Miguel A. Martinez, Chairman (2007)
~~Alfred A. Wagner (2006) deceased~~
Gerald T. Donnellan (2005) appointed 2006
Dorothy D. Maciejowski (2005) 2008

MUST RUN FOR

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Marcia A. Molay, Chair. (State Appointee)
Elizabeth A. Armington, (2009)
Phyllis L. Sullivan (2007)
James J. Stelline (2008)
Marion D'Ambrosio (2006)

TREE WARDEN
A. Winslow Dodge (2005) PIERRE ERHARD II 2006

HAMILTON-WENHAM
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Doris Gallant (2007) Wenham
Blanche E. Day (2005) Hamilton
Wendy Waller Daynes (2005) Wenham 2008
Kevin Sperry (2007) Hamilton
Annette Janes (2006) at large
Elizabeth Stanton (2006) at large

PLANNING BOARD
David E. Geikie, Chairman (2008)
Donald J. Killam, Jr. (2005) 2110
Virginia L. Rogers (2007)
Gretchen W. Roorbach (2006)
Ernest S. Dodge (2009)

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Nancy A. Morse, Chairman (2006)
William Patten (2006)
Catherine A. Harrison (2005) 2008
Denise Bisaillon (2007)
Elaine M. Carey (2006)
Donald E. Gallant (2007)
William F. Martin (2005) 2008
Richard L. Boroff (2005). 2008
Lisa Gaquin (2007)

WATER COMMISSIONERS
Richard K. Quateman, Chairman (2005) 2008
Richard M. Carnevale (2006) appointed 2006
Benjamin B. Tymann (2007)

TEMPORARY BOARD OF ASSESSORS
JOHN O. WILHELM, JR. 05/06/2006
JOHN DISIMONE 05/06/2006
DAVID BONNETTE 05/06/2006

ST. LAW

ELECTED STATE AND NATIONAL SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT
Representative (4th Essex District)
Bradford Hill
Senator (1st. Essex & Middlesex District)
Bruce E. Tarr

UNITED STATES CONGRESS
Representative (6th District)
John F. Tierney
Senators
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

Civil War Monument

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED 2004 - 2005

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Jeffrey A. Chelgren
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE
Nichole Hagstrom
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Richard Viscay
TREASURER/COLLECTOR
~~Clarida M. Cote, Acting~~ SARAH F. JOHNSON
ASST. TREASURER/COLLECTOR
~~Sarah F. Johnson, Acting~~ KATHLEEN S. MCMAHON
ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANTS
Stephen Gasperoni
Shirley Cashman
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
Daniel Lynch
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER
Bruce D. Blanchard
SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK
A. Winslow Dodge
PERMITTING OFFICE
Kathleen Teel
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
Charles Brett
OIL BURNER INSPECTOR
Jeffrey Baxter
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
William Thomas
INSPECTOR OF WIRES
Robert B. Brown, Jr.

TOWN COUNSEL
Paul D. Weaver

ADA COORDINATOR
Bruce D. Blanchard

AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH
John Jacobi

BURIAL AGENT
John A. Pews

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER AND MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK
Harold W. Boothroyd

DESIGNEE TO WATERSHED DISTRICT
Bruce D. Blanchard

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Lawrence Swartz, Chairman (2006)
~~David Bonnette~~ (2005)
Scott Spearing (~~2005~~) 2008
Scott B. Mackintosh (2007)
Deborah H. Evans (2007)
Henry H. Wieman (2006)
THOMAS KYROUZ 2008

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
James R. Westra, Chairman (2007)
Jonathan A. Stringer (2005)
Anthony M. Feeherry (2006)
Associate Members
Francis J. McNamara III
Timothy Mansfield

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
James Q. Purdy, Chairman
Richard E. Quinn, Jr.
Douglas Hall
Cynthia McCue
Eleanor Thompson
Donald Bannon

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Patrick Wilson, Chairman (2005)
Leo Maestranzi (2006)
Roland Bonnette (2006)
Robert Burnett (2007)
Malcolm Reid (2007)
Philip Colarusso (2007)
Kenneth Whittaker (2005)
~~Geralyn Falco~~, Coordinator LINDA HANSEN

IRON RAIL COMMISSION
Charles J. Thibeault, Chairman (2005)
William P. Hidden (2007)
A. Winslow Dodge (2006)
Tara Rand (2006)
James Perkins (2007)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Alton Klebe, Chairman (2006)
~~Dana Bagnell~~ (2005) MICHAEL LUCY
~~William Anderson~~ (2005) THOMAS ZAMPELL
Robert Corcoran (2006)
Jennifer Tymann (2007)
Linda Ahearn (2006)
David Mehlin (2007)

WISSH
Susan M. Harnisch, Chairman
Albert Win Dodge
Jack Hauck
Sue Bannon
Donald Killam
William MacKenzie
Ann Mulry Shaw
Thomas Tanous
Calvin M. Perkins
Donald F. Luxton

COUNCIL ON AGING
Jack Hauck, Chairman (2007)
Sue Bannon (2005)
Barbara Black (2006)
Jane Richardson (2006)
Kit Richardson (2007)
Lucille Lynch (2007)
Helen Gonsiorowski (2005)
Gladys Robertson (2005)
Merle E. Welsh (2006)
Jean Marchant (2005)

COUNCIL ON AGING OUTREACH COORDINATOR
Trudy L. Reid

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Frances deLacvivier, Chairman
Tisha Charman
Win Dodge
Mary Hull
Betsey Miller
Laura Carrigan
Susan Quateman
Moira Riccio
Conrad Willeman
Sue Evans
Lauren Prior

FENCE VIEWERS
Peter A. Hersee
Donald Pickard
Thomas Tanous

2005 – 06
BOARD OF ELECTION REGISTRARS
Trudy L. Reid (2006) 2009
~~Janice H. Merry (2005)~~
Frances H. Young, Registrar Ex Officio
LUND, DAVID F. 2007
MULRY, HELEN K. 2008

ELECTION WARDEN
~~Phyllis L. Sullivan~~

ELECTION OFFICERS
Elizabeth A. Armington
Bryan J. Armington
Michelle Lanae Bailey
Polly B. Beyer
Barbara R. Black
Margaret W. Bode
~~Linda J. Brown~~
Nancy A. Brown
~~George W. Cuff, Jr.~~
Marion D. D'Ambrosio
~~Agnes F. Dawson~~
Juliana F. Dodge
Marilyn E. Flynn
Doris L. Gallant
Stephen B. Gasperoni
Monique B. Greilich
Sarah F. Johnson
Carol E. Kelley
David F. Lund
Jo-Ann F. Lund
Lucille G. Lynch
Dorothy D. Maciejowski
Jean C. Marchant
Cynthia B. McCue
A. Homer McCue
Paul E. Mendonca
Debra A. Morong
Jane Richardson
~~Ruth V. Stevens~~
Lauren M. Swartz
Mary E. Wedgwood

POLICE MATRONS
Susan Hersee
Laura Wheatley
Cynthia Shaw
Caroline Wilichoski
Judy Fastino
Beatrice Silva

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
William F. MacKenzie

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Robert Blanchard

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD
Peter A. Hersee, Wenham
Daniel Lynch, Wenham
William F. MacKenzie, Jr., Wenham
Calvin M. Perkins, Wenham
Anne-Marie Cullen, Hamilton
Walter Cullen, Hamilton
Philip Stevens, Hamilton
Steven Kenney, Hamilton

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Carol Larocque
ANIMAL INSPECTOR
Anne Jackman
INDIGINOUS ANIMAL CONTROL
Stephen Kavanagh

POLICE
William F. MacKenzie, Jr., Chief
Kenneth M. Walsh, Deputy Chief
Lawrence E. Kavanagh, Lt.
James W. Foley, Lt.
Officer David J. Doyle
Officer Donald Woodbury
Officer Jeffrey W. Tobey
Officer Thomas C. Perkins
Officer Mark Fraser
Officer Jonathan B. Gray

Susan M. Hersee, Secretary
Mark Fraser, Keeper of the Lock-up
Brent Morong, Constable
Paul Mendonca, Constable
Dean Pedersen, Chaplain

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS
Sr. Reserve Officer William J. Foley
Sr. Reserve Officer Michael F. Perry
Sr. Reserve Officer Timothy H. Ingraham
Sr. Reserve Officer Paul B. Rideout
Sr. Reserve Officer Christopher Machain
Sr. Reserve Officer Richard Sherry
Sr. Reserve Officer James P. Rodden
Sr. Reserve Officer Matthew Almeida
Sr. Reserve Officer Eric Clarizia
Sr. Reserve Officer Stanley T. Trocki, Jr.
Sr. Reserve Officer Brent T. Morong
Sr. Reserve Officer Robert C. Breaker
Basic Reserve Officer Ryan W. Davis
Basic Reserve Officer Brian J. Pratt

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS
Ryan Davis
Brian Pratt
Brian Bibeau
Michael Mscisz
Steven Trocki
Robert Rawston

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Calvin M. Perkins, Chief
Robert A. Blanchard, Deputy Chief
Stephen Kavanagh, Acting Fire Captain
Robert Brown, Lieutenant
Eric Fowler, Lieutenant
Thomas Raymond, Lieutenant
Daniel Sullivan, Lieutenant
Jeffrey Baxter, Fire Prevention Officer
Jeffrey A. O'Brien, Senior Firefighter
Richard Bertone
Michael Binns
Kenneth Burke
Thomas Churches
Joseph Cloutier
Christopher Colby
Thomas Curran
Francis Eldridge
Mark Gates
Brian Headley
Christopher Jones
Michael Jones
William Jones
Eric Johnson
John Joyce
Michael Lawler
Walter Leszczynski Sr.
Walter Leszczynski, Jr.
Kevin MacDonald
William Pantos
John Pews
David Raymond
Andrew Reardon
Brad Saunders
Richard Sweeney
Michael Symes
Leonard Tuneburg
Robert Viel
William Wildes

HAMILTON-WENHAM LIBRARY
James McShane, Director (resigned) JAN DEMPSEY
Diane Barrett
Elizabeth Craig-McCormack
Nancy Day
Jeannine Curtis
Karen D'Ambrosio
Lorraine Der
Julie Preston
William Devitt
Suzanne Liacos-Dix
Elizabeth Bellucci
Brett Debose
Janet Dykstra
Kelly Flynn
Josh Lear
David Lindsay, Jr.

HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL
Joanne Jones, Co-Chair, Wenham (2005)
Margaret Crossan, Wenham (2005)
Helen Ribet, Wenham (2005)
Theresa Weinheimer, Wenham (2005)
Chris Eaton, Co-Chair, Hamilton
Sara DelRio, Hamilton
Mary Anne Ciriello, Hamilton
Mary Jo Favazzo, Hamilton
Meredith Gisness, Hamilton

HAMILTON-WENHAM JOINT RECREATION
Robert Kerrigan, Chairman, Wenham (2007)
Renee L. MacDonald, Wenham (2005)
David Parry, Hamilton
Adam Teal, Hamilton
Denis Curran, Jr. Wenham (2006)
Lindle Willnow, Hamilton
Maggie Whitesell, Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Bill Furber, Chairman, Wenham
Tom Bishop, Wenham
Jeff Ham, Wenham
Margaret Whittaker, Wenham
Dick Hewitt, Hamilton
Chuck Rogal, Hamilton
Tom Cannon, Hamilton

MAPC
Theodore Wadsworth (2006)

MBTA
Don Costin (2005)

NORTH SHORE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
William O. Nichols

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT VETERANS' SERVICES
Terrance Hart, Director

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Richard Viscay
Clarida Cote
Lawrence Swartz
Peter Hersee
Jeff Chelgren
Richard Jones

AD HOC COMMITTEES

TOWN HALL & POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
John Darling, Chairman
Jeff Chelgren
Albert Win Dodge
Douglas Hall
Thomas Tanous
William MacKenzie
James Purdy
Richard Quinn
John Clemenzi
Richard Gourdeau

ROUTE 97 LIGHT COMMITTEE (1/2003)
Thomas Tanous, Ex-officio
Daniel Lynch
Don Killam
Robert Moroney
Gerald Donnellan
Bessie Marlyn Oro

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

During the last three years, the Board of Selectmen have experienced numerous changes both socially and financially. Fiscal year 2005 was equally demanding. The Board is hopeful that their efforts and the efforts of the Town Administrator will continue to facilitate the smooth operation of town government.

In the beginning of FY05 the Finance and Advisory Committee bid farewell to the long time Chair, John Darling, and Michael Lucy another long time member. We thank them for their years of valuable service.

The communications between the Towns of Wenham and Hamilton and the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD), have never been better. The Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees and HWRSD administration have been meeting regularly to strategize on issues such as long range planning, capital management and budget process. This Board of Selectmen are proud of the progress in communications between Hamilton and the HWRSD and particularly Superintendent McGrath. Through communications we are more knowledgeable in the needs of our neighboring town and the schools.

On November 16, 2002, the Town Hall was closed and moved to the Center School. This temporary home of the Town Hall still houses the Town Administrative offices. A recent special Town Meeting held on October 19, 2004, approved additional funds needed to complete the modified project. The Town Hall Police Station Building Committee continues their efforts to work with the project architect and other Town Boards to finish the design and to create a new, combined-use building that will prove to be both functionally and esthetically appropriate for the town center area.

In 2004 the Town Administrator began an intensive analysis of the needs of the various town departments. During this analysis it was identified that four to five key department heads could, or would, retire within five years. It should be noted that the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator have placed great value on promoting from within, when possible and advisable. In response to the pending retirements, the Town Administrator developed a process by which the Selectmen worked directly with the Department heads to identify a transition schedule which would result in a smooth transfer of authority prior to the retirement of the current administrator. This plan was endorsed and implemented by the Board of Selectmen. The first department to identify its transition plan was the Police Department. Chief William MacKenzie will reach the mandatory public safety retirement age within four years. As such, he began working with the Town Administrator to identify his replacement upon retirement. As a result of this effort the Board of Selectmen were honored to promote Sergeant Kenneth Walsh to the position of Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Walsh is expected to assume the Chief of Police position upon Chief MacKenzie's retirement.

The Fire Department is the next identified department impacted by the transition plan policy. Chief Calvin Perkins has identified that he intends on retiring within two to three

years. Discussions regarding this transition plan are on-going and can be expected to be completed in early 2005.

Budget pressures have increased over the past four to five years and have forced the Selectmen and the Town Administrator to seek new alternatives for cutting costs while maintaining minimum levels of service. In 2004 the regionalization of the Police and Fire Departments in Hamilton and Wenham was reviewed as a means of creating greater operational and budgetary efficiency, as well as to determine if the Hamilton public safety building and the Wenham town hall and police station building projects could be reduced in size through some form of collaboration. Through a series of joint-discussions, including a weekend retreat attended by representatives of both communities, the two towns ultimately determined that the regionalization of the Police and Fire Department would not yield anticipated operational savings. It was actually determined that Wenham would realize small cost savings but Hamilton would experience cost increases. For these reasons, both Boards of Selectmen voted to discontinue pursuit of the regionalization review.

A Joint-Council on Aging (COA) van service was funded for the first time in the FY05 budget. In January, 2004, the H-W COA Van, under the administration of Wenham, began providing services to the senior and handicapped populations of both communities. This service has proven to be a success in the first year and service expansions are currently under discussion.

Wenham faces significant challenges in the upcoming years. Through continued planning and increased communications amongst all parties, the Selectmen and the Town Administrator believe that these challenges can be addressed and that we can continue to achieve the goals and objectives of our community. The Selectmen would like to thank, specifically, the many volunteer and elected boards and committees that dedicate countless hours to ensure that the town runs efficiently and effectively. We have much to be proud of and the Selectmen stand committed to making the upcoming years productive and prosperous.

Board of Selectmen

Donald J. Pickard, Chairman
Thomas Tanous
Peter A. Hersee

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

2004 ELECTION SCHEDULE

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In addition to elections, the Town Clerk is responsible for the taking and recording of the annual census, from which are generated the voter list, street list, school population projections, senior citizen aid bases, dog list, and any general information as required.

The Clerk must record and file all vital statistics (births, marriages and deaths) as well as be prepared to issue certified copies of such material upon request. Marriage licenses are drawn up in the Clerk's office. Genealogical searches and services are also provided.

Numerous items are available from the Clerk's office, including dog tags and licenses, small business certificates, raffle permits, and hunting and fishing licenses. This year the Clerk also took on the sale of the Highway Department recycling tags (TV's, monitors, white goods, etc.).

FRANCES HARTE YOUNG
Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 2004

POPULATION AS OF APRIL 2004

Residents	3755
Gordon College Students	1332
TOTAL	5087

REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (November 2, 2004)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY	506
LIBERTARIAN PARTY	9
REPUBLICAN PARTY	796
INTERDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY	2
UNENROLLED PARTY	1279
TOTAL	2592

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 431, which prohibits the sale or distribution of the names of children under the age of seventeen, births are not published in the Town Report. The total number of births recorded in Wenham for the year 2004 is 35.

MARRIAGES 2004

May 20	FREDERICK S. WOODLAND, JR., Wenham MA ROBERT O. CORCORAN, Wenham MA
May 29	NANCY J. CONNELLY, Beverly MA ANN L. TRASK, Beverly MA
July 3	LUCY ANN CASEY, Wenham MA WILLIAM WESLEY PEOPLES, Acton MA
August 28	KATJA OBERBERG, Wenham MA LEO JOHN MAESTRANZI, JR., Wenham MA
September 3	LINDA J. DANFORTH, Wenham MA JONATHAN WALTER RICH, Wenham MA
September 4	DOMINIKA KUROWSKA, Fort Lauderdale FL DANIEL GEORGE BECKHAM, Fort Lauderdale FL
October 15	KATHLEEN MARIE CLARKE, Wenham MA LLOYD ANDREW DURGIN, Wenham MA
November 27	JUDITH ANNE HARTOGH, Wenham MA CHARLES AUSTIN BRIGHAM, Wenham MA

November 27 — MILDRED HARTOGH, Nome AK
ANDREW GENE HENNINGS, Nome AK

December 31 — REBECCA LOU WILLIAMS, Hamilton MA
MARK FRANCIS LOPATOSKY, Hamilton MA

DEATHS 2004

HALTER, JOSEPH PATRICK
BOYDEN, ISABEL L.
NARDELLA, JACQUELINE A.
WILSON, GEORGIANA R.
DAVIS, JAMES EDWARD
PERKINS, MYRON A., JR.
O'NEIL, CHARLES J.
MONGOR, JOSEPH H.
LEE, THOMAS P.
WILDES, GEORGE F.
KELLEY, ARTHUR JOSEPH
EVELETH, HEIDI REGINA
BAKER, RUTH H.
HAYES, BARBARA MARIE
WAGNER, ALFRED ARNOLD
HALLAHAN, FRANCES A.
TOZER, GEORGE K.
MCCARTHY, KATHERINE MARY
MARTIN, RITA E.
WILSON, WILLIAM M. III
LOW, ELIZABETH ANN
MILLS, OAKLEY V.
HELLARD, RICHARD W.
EVELETH, FRANK COLBY
MCGOVERN, EDWARD CROFTON
DUNN, JAMES HENRY
CAHILL, WILLIAM F., JR.
CARR, PHYLLIS M.
MATULA, MICHAEL J.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
BIRTHS	31	44	36	42	35
MARRIAGES	9	8	8	8	10
DEATHS	25	33	31	26	29

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM FROM JANUARY - DECEMBER ~~2005~~ 4

For sale of the following:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RECYCLING TAGS
RECYCLING BINS
SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATES
STREET LISTS
MARRIAGE LICENSES
CERTIFIED COPIES OF BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH CERTIFICATES
DOG TAGS AND LICENSES
VOTER LISTS, DOG LISTS
MISCELLANEOUS

TOTAL: $6635.22

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MASSACHUSETTS

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Congratulations and thanks to all the election workers who learned new laws and methods, labored long hours, came up with quick solutions to cope with crowds, and remained cheerful to the end. THANK YOU each and every one!

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In addition to elections, the Town Clerk is responsible for the taking and recording of the annual census, from which are generated the voter list, street list, school population projections, senior citizen aid bases, dog list, and any general information as required.

The Clerk must record and file all vital statistics (births, marriages and deaths) as well as be prepared to issue certified copies of such material upon request. Marriage licenses are drawn up in the Clerk's office. Genealogical searches and services are also provided.

Numerous items are available from the Clerk's office, including dog tags and licenses, small business certificates, raffle permits, and hunting and fishing licenses. This year the Clerk also took on the sale of the Highway Department recycling tags (TV's, monitors, white goods, etc.).

FRANCES HARTE YOUNG
Wenham Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004

WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of WENHAM

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

PERKINS AUDITORIUM
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL
PRECINCT 1

on TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH, 2004, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
STATE COMMITTEE MAN	FIRST ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX SENATORIAL DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	FIRST ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TOWN COMMITTEE	TOWN OF WENHAM

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of February, 2004. Signed:

PETER A. HERSEE
DONALD J. PICKARD
THOMAS TANOUS

Selectmen of the Town of Wenham

Posted at designated locations and at the Post Office, Public Library and Town Hall.

Signed: BRENT MORONG, Constable
February 19, 2004

On Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at approximately 6:30AM, the Police Officer in charge, the Election Warden and the Town Clerk checked the ballot box which was declared empty and locked. Zero tapes were run to test the program, and one of the tapes was posted for public information. The polls were declared at 7:00AM and remained open until 8:00PM.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

RICHARD GEPHARDT	1
JOSEPH LIEBERMAN	3
WESLEY K. CLARK	1
HOWARD DEAN	5
CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN	0
JOHN EDWARDS	72
DENNIS J. KUCINICH	10
JOHN F. KERRY	233
LYNDON H. LAROUCHE, JR.	1
AL SHARPTON	4
NO PREFERENCE	3
BLANKS	1
WRITE INS	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

ANDREW F. ARMATA	58
DANIEL J. LAUZON	143

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

KATHLEEN A. PASQUINA	217

TOTAL DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST 335

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

BETTY S. BANNON	194
DON O. BANNON	185
CAROL E. KELLEY	197
PENELOPE D. LAWRENCE	189
THOMAS D. LAWRENCE, JR.	184
CHRISTOPHER DEARBORN	204
BLANKS	3899
WRITE INS (ONE VOTE EACH)	8

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

GEORGE W. BUSH	150
NO PREFERENCE	13
BLANKS	8
WRITE INS	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

DALE C. JENKINS, JR.	40
JOHN N. RACHO	123
BLANKS	8
WRITE INS	0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

CHRISTINA A. BAIN	146
BLANKS	25
WRITE INS	0

TOTAL REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST	171

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

AUDREY A. WAGNER	134
JOAN W. ERHARD	129
HARRIET P. DAVIS	132
JOSEPH F. ROBBINS	128
JAYNE C. ROBBINS	129
JEFFREY A. HAM	123
DOROTHY D. MACIEJOWSKI	144
WILLIAM C. WAGNER	127
DANA P. BAGNELL	125
A. WINSLOW DODGE	148
PAUL E. MENDONCA	127
THOMAS TANOUS	134
DONALD E. COSTIN	142
STUART S. CORNING, JR.	138
R. ANGUS WEST	123
RICHARD P. JONES	125
ROBERT B. BROWN, JR.	128
MATTHEW J. AMORELLO	123
JOHN F. DESIMONE	120
JAMES D. COLT	136
MARY L. CORNING	138
BLANKS	3172
WRITE INS	58

The following if a list of those who received enough votes (5 or more) to qualify to be members of the Republican Town Committee.

Kenneth H. Premo	16
Stephen B. Gasperoni	16

Mary Elizabeth Ham received 16 votes but did not enroll in the Republican Party in time to qualify.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

AMENDMENT TO BUILDING FEES
MARCH 12, 2004

The Wenham Board of Selectmen voted (3-0) at a March 12, 2004 Policy Meeting to amend the Building Department Fee Schedule as follows:

PERMIT	FEE	
	Existing	Amended
1. New Dwelling Additions and Renovations Construction Value	$75/s.f.	$110/s.f.
2. Minimum Fee	$25	$40

All revised Building Department fees are to be considered in effect as of Monday, March 15, 2004.

WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING BY-LAWS

ADOPTED APRIL 6, 2004

The Wenham Board of Selectmen voted, at their April 6, 2004 meeting, to adopt the attached "Council on Aging By-Laws."

WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING BYLAWS

Article I: ESTABLISHMENT

The name of the organization shall be "The Wenham Council on Aging," hereafter referred to as "The Council," as established by the Town Selectmen of Wenham, Massachusetts,and pursuant with the authority granted in the Town Manager Act of 1949 and amending the original document creating the Council on Aging, dated January 19, 1971. The Council on Aging was permitted by Chapter 40, Section 8B of the Massahcusetts General Laws.

Article II: PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The Council's mission is to provide and advance those programs and services that enrich the lives of older adults in the Wenham community.

Pursuant to this goal, the Council shall:

1) Provide education to the community to the needs of the age 60+ population of the community and enlist the support and participation of the citizens of Wenham.

2) Design, advocate, and implement services to fill the needs of the seniors and to coordinate with existing agencies.

3) Examine, review, and update programs and services for Wenham seniors, based on available data.

4) Review and update annually all documents, policies and procedures for a Wenham Senior Center, when such structure is available.

5) Cooperate with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Senior Care and be cognizant of state and federal legislation and programs regarding elders.

6) Provide advice to the Town Selectmen on the funding needs of the Wenham Council on Aging. Function as an Advisory Council to the Town Selectmen, in order to maintain an effective flow of communication between the senior population and the Wenham Town government.

WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING BYLAWS (continued)

Article III: ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

The Council shall serve as a policy-making Council only in relation to those areas listed above and has no authority over appointments of staff, administrative responsibilities of the staff, the employment practices, and/or Town of Wenham policy.

The Council shall consist of nine (9) members, who shall be appointed by the Town Selectmen and have terms of office of three (3) years. The Council may offer to the Town Selectmen individuals for appointment to the Council. A member of the Town Selectmen shall be a liaison to and ex officio, non-voting Council member.

In addition to Council Members, the Council may appoint Associate Members. Associate Members may attend all Council Meetings, but may not vote on Council matters. Associate Members may also participate on Council Committees and may serve as leaders for Committees.

The principal office of the Council shall be located at the Wenham Town Hall, until such time as a Senior Center is available. All mail shall be delivered to this address, unless another shall be specified by the Chair.

Article IV: VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

All voting rights shall be vested in the Members, and each individual member shall have one vote, with respect to any question or matter that may come before a meeting of the Members of the Council.

All votes are to be cast openly, i.e., no secret balloting.

Article V: MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

Council meetings:

1. Regular Meetings of the Members of the Council shall be held once per month on the second Tuesday, from September through June, with no regular meetings scheduled for July and August. Notice of all regular meetings of the Council shall be posted at Wenham Town Hall.

2. Special Meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the Chair or a Member of the Council. Written or verbal notice must be sent to each member in sufficient time to ensure attendance. Minutes from these meetings are to be presented at the Regular Meeting following the date of the special meeting.

Committee Meetings are to have at least one Member of the Council in attendance. Minutes from these meetings are to be presented by the Committee leader at the Regular Meeting, following the date of the Committee meeting.

3. Quorum At all Council meetings, the presence of a simple majority of the total membership shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. Votes shall be cast only by Members in attendance.

4. Conduct of Meetings All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

5. Resignation In the event a Member wishes to resign from the Council, he/she shall notify, in writing, the Council's liaison from the Town Selectmen and the Chair.

6. Regular attendance is expected of all Members. In the event of absence of any Member for three (3) consecutive meetings, except for reasons of health or extenuating circumstances, as duly reported to the Chair in advance of the Council meeting, the Council may request resignation of that Member through the Town Selectmen. Six (6) absences during any calendar year shall constitute an automatic dismissal from the Council. Notice of any dismissal or resignation

is to be provided, in writing, to the Town Selectmen.

Article VI: OFFICERS

Council officers:

A. The officers of the Council shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Assistant Officers may be elected, if it is the wish of the Council.

1) Chair The chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Council, and subject to the direction of Members of the Council, shall have charge of the business, affairs, and property of the Council on its general operations. She/he shall prepare an agenda, preside at all meetings of the Members, appoint all sub-committees, and be an ex-officio member of all committees.

2) Vice-Chair During the absence or disability of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall exercise all the functions of the Chair and, when so acting, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the restrictions of the Chair.

3) Treasurer The Treasurer shall: a) Annually prepare a budget for the WCOA and submit it to the Council for review and approval; b) Receive and approve all expense requests (along with one other officer of the Council); c) Report budget status at each Council meeting; and d) Submit all approved expense requests to the Wenham Town Treasurer.

4) Secretary/Clerk The secretary/clerk shall: a) Record all the proceedings of the meetings; b) Cause all notices to be given in accordance with the Bylaws and as may be required by statute; c) Perform all duties relevant to the office of Secretary/Clerk; and d) The Council may appoint a corresponding secretary, or include duties related to correspondence in this section.

B. Terms of office are for 2-year periods. Officers of the Council shall be elected prior to the summer recess and shall take office immediately.

C. Election of officers to fill vacancies created by death, resignation, or other cause may take place at any regular or special meeting and shall be for the unexpired term of the previous incumbent; however, the Office of Chair, if vacated, shall be filled by the Vice-Chair for the unexpired term of the Chair's normal term of office,

Article VII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments or alterations of these Bylaws may be considered at either a regular or special meeting of the Council, called for such purpose. In either case, a seven-day notification of the meeting with a copy of the proposed amendment and its purpose, shall be given to each Council Member. Accompanying this notification, shall be the full text of the proposed amendment or alteration, and a statement of the purpose of the proposed changes. The proposed amendment or alteration of the Bylaws must be approved by two-thirds of all Council Members.

Article VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Bylaws shall be the date of the meeting at which the Bylaws shall have been approved by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members. The date of approval of the Bylaws - January 14, 2003.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 1, 2004

Essex,ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the first of May, 2004, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00AM until 12NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00PM, and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 3, 2004, at 7:30PM, at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 13, 2004, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM.

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Officers

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; Hamilton-Wenham Library Trustee for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Park Commissioners for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Housing Authority member for five years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2005) beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE 3: Level Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available funds to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005.

ARTICLE 4: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2004, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 5: Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $76,824 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE 6: Senior Tax Relief

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, last paragraph, to increase the annual exemption pursuant to clause Seventeenth D by an amount not exceed the increase in the cost of living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for each year effective commencing in FY04, and accept the pro-

visions of G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 5, clause Seventeenth E providing for an annual increase in the amount of exemption pursuant to clause Seventeenth D; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: Lord's Hill Water Tank Painting

To see if the Town will vote to approve the painting of the Lord's Hill water tank and to authorize that a sum of money not to exceed $350,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44 as a general obligation of the town, the principal, interest, and cost of which, however, are to be paid by the water rates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: Tax Bill Contribution Options - Town Scholarship

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, Section 3C which authorizes a Town to designate a place on a tax bill issued or administered by the Town whereby taxpayers of the Town may voluntarily donate to a Town Scholarship Fund, the purposes of which shall be to provide educational financial aid to deserving town residents selected by a scholarship committee consisting of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (or the Superintendent's designee) and at least four residents of the Town appointed by the Board of Selectmen; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: Tax Bill Contribution Options - Elderly and Disabled Relief

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, Section 3 D which authorizes a Town to designate a place on a tax bill issued or administered by the Town whereby taxpayers of the Town may voluntarily donate to a Town Aid to Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income selected by a Taxation Aid Committee comprised of the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, the Town Treasurer, and three residents of the town appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: Underground Petroleum Storage Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Wenham for the regulation of underground petroleum storage tanks (UST), in the form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection, to protect, preserve and maintain the existing and potential groundwater supply and groundwater recharge areas within the Town of Wenham from contamination by oil or hazardous materials by requiring that owners of properties located within the Zone II of the Wenham public water supply and the Aquifer Protection District register their UST with the Wenham Fire Department, and to test all tanks older than 15 years, or for which there is no information on the date of installation, on an annual basis by a licensed company at the expense of the property owner, and to remove the UST in accordance with state requirements if the UST fails, and also to prohibit installation of new single-wall USTs within the Zone II and Aquifer Protection District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for the $20,510,326 annual operating expenses of the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2004, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM

to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $255,119 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2004?"

ARTICLE 12: To act on any other business that may legally come before this Meeting

Given under our hands this 30th day of March, 2004.

Signed: PETER A. HERSEE, THOMAS TANOUS, DONALD J. PICKARD
Board of Selectmen

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 12 day of Apr. 1, 2004, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

Signed: Brent Morong
Constable of the Town of Wenham

WARRANT FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Essex, ss.

To the Secretary of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee:

GREETING:

You are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the towns of Hamilton and Wenham, Essex County, Massachusetts, of the election of members to the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee. In Wenham, the election will be held at the Buker Elementary School on Saturday, May 1, 2004. The polling place shall be opened at 8:00AM and shall remain open until 12 NOON. In Hamilton, the election will be held at the Winthrop Elementary School on Thursday, May 13, 2004. The polling place shall be opened at 7:00AM and shall remain open until 8:00PM. The number of members elected shall be three members for a term of three years and one member for a term of one year, and you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each of the member towns of Hamilton and Wenham and by publishing at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district seven days at least before the election date.

Given under our hands this 1st day of April in the year 2004.

Signed by "A majority of the members of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee."

Signed: William F. Martin, Secretary

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	927
NUMBER OF REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	867
NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	60

COUNT OF REGULAR BALLOTS

BALLOTS FURNISHED	1550
BALLOTS CAST	867
BALLOTS SPOILED	1
BALLOTS UNUSED	682
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1550

COUNT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

BALLOTS FURNISHED	150
BALLOTS CAST	60
BALLOTS SPOILED	0
BALLOTS UNRETURNED	8
BALLOTS UNUSED	82
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	150

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CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

MODERATOR (ONE YEAR TERM)
Paul D. Weaver

VOTES	757
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	170
TOTAL	927

TOWN CLERK (ONE YEAR TERM)
Frances Harte Young

VOTES	777
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	150
TOTAL	927

SELECTMAN (THREE YEAR TERM)

Thomas Tanous

VOTES	493

David L. Grey

VOTES	427
BLANKS	7
TOTAL	927

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

ASSESSOR (THREE YEAR TERM)

Paul E. Mendonca

VOTES	737
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	190
TOTAL	927

PLANNING BOARD (FIVE YEAR TERM)

Ernest S. Dodge

VOTES	454

Mary B. Martins

VOTES	357
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	116
TOTAL	927

TREE WARDEN (ONE YEAR TERM)

A. Winslow Dodge

VOTES	783
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	144
TOTAL	927

BOARD OF HEALTH

Miguel A. Martinez, MD

VOTES	761
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	166
TOTAL	927

HAMILTON WENHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEE (THREE YEAR TERM)

Doris L. Gallant

VOTES	754
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	173
TOTAL	927

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)
Charles A. Brigham

VOTES	718
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	209
TOTAL	927

WENHAM ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)
VOTE FOR TWO

No Candidates

WRITEINS — No serious writeins

WATER COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)
Benjamin B. Tymann

VOTES	715
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	212
TOTAL	927

HOUSING AUTHORITY (FIVE YEAR TERM)
Elizabeth A. Armington

VOTES	723
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	204
TOTAL	927

HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004
(Ballots impounded to May 13, 2004)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST — 927

VOTE FOR THREE

Donald E. Gallant	618
Denise A. Bisaillon	487
Lisa S. Gaquin	518
Rudolph Pizzano, III	375
WRITEINS	7
BLANKS	776
TOTAL	2781

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST — 927

VOTE FOR ONE

Richard L. Boroff	665
WRITEINS	2
BLANKS	260
TOTAL	927

TOWN OF HAMILTON

The following is a Certification of the Vote taken at the Annual Town Election for the Town of Hamilton, held May 13, 2004 at the Winthrop School.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee Election (Vote for three)

Donald E. Gallant — 1021

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee Election CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

Denise A. Bisaillon	832
Lisa S. Gaquin	1045
Rudolph P. Pizzano III	836
BLANKS	1831
TOTAL	5565

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

Signed: Jane M. Wetson, Town Clerk

The following is a Certification of the Vote taken at the Annual Town Election for the Town of Hamilton, held May 13, 2004 at the Winthrop School.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee Election (Vote for one)

To fill unexpired term --- 1 Year

Blanks	665
Richard L. Boroff	1186
Writeins	4
TOTAL	1855

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

Signed: Jane M. Wetson, Town Clerk

ATTEST:

FRANCES HARTE YOUNG
Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004

MODERATOR	Paul D. Weaver
TOWN CLERK	Frances H. Young
SELECTMEN	Peter A. Hersee Donald J. Pickard Thomas Tanous
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	David E. Bonnette John E. Darling Scott S. Spearing Lawrence D. Swartz

ARTICLE ONE, the Annual Town Election of town officers, library board members and regional school committee members was acted upon at the Bessie Buker School from 8AM to NOON.

After the polls closed, voters and senior citizens were treated to luncheon provided by the Wenham Village Improvement Society. While voters checked in with the Board of Registrars and finished their lunches, Moderator Paul Weaver invited State Representative Brad Hill and State Senator Bruce to speak to the meeting about Beacon Hill affairs. As in the previous year the outlook was not rosy, although Representative Hill did say that he thought there might be light at the end of the tunnel. The economy seems to be improving and tax revenues

are up to a degree. He pointed out, however, that this mild upturn does not mean an increase in jobs available, which is a real problem. Senator Tarr pinpointed the cost of health care as a very expensive difficulty on both the state and local levels.

At 1:20PM Moderator Weaver called the meeting to order and read some of the history of town meetings from "Town Meeting Time. He reminded voters of the need for decorum and respect for divergent expressions of opinion. The duly posted Warrant with return of service by the Constable was presented and the Moderator announced that the three requirements for a Town Meeting had been met: 1) Moderator; 2) Town Clerk; 3) Quorum - five percent (5%) of total registered voters (2457) = 123. Voters were reminded that motions presented by a board member constitute a motion and a second.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2005) beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE, OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS, THE FOLLOWING SUMS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES DESIGNATED, AND THAT THE SAME BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR SUCH PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF SUMS DESIGNATED TO FUND THE TOWN'S SHARE OF OPERATING JOINT REGIONAL AND INTER-MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS WITH THE TOWN OF HAMILTON, THAT HAMILTON VOTES TO APPROVE AND FUND ITS SHARE AS PROVIDED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS; ALL SAID EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY JOHN DARLING, CHAIRMAN, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE THREE Level the Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF $553,178 TO BE USED TO LEVEL THE TAX RATE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY LAWRENCE SWARTZ, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	50	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES	11,769	12,122	12,122	10,812	10,812
	(Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273/year)					
122-5200	EXPENSES	3,143	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
		14,912	15,122	15,122	13,812	13,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $76,220/year)	61,564	67,392	69,000	74,854	76,220
123-5200	EXPENSES	2,785	4,306	3,000	3,000	6,000
		64,349	71,698	72,000	77,854	82,220
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	363	115	500	500	500
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND			120,000	126,942	160,536
135	**FINANCE DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $58,425/year)	39,159	43,260	44,558	56,552	69,730
	(Asst. position shared w/ Town Administrator 13 hrs/wk @ $16.66/hr)					
135-5200	EXPENSES	2,981	1,827	3,225	2,815	5,000
	Note: The increase in salary for the new position of Finance Director has been funded by changing the Asst. Collector position (Item 145) from full time to part time.	42,140	45,087	47,783	59,367	74,730
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	12,000	20,000	14,000	15,000	16,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES	41,362	45,788	51,608	53,708	53,981
	(Chief Assessor @ $25,092/yr)					
	(Asst. Assessor @ $16.83/hr) - (Subs. @ $337/yr)					
141-5200	EXPENSES	5,565	8,050	7,240	10,575	11,225
141-5800	CAPITAL	1,700	0	0	0	0
		48,626	53,838	58,848	64,283	65,206

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145	**TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	69,683	71,105	73,736	75,975	66,071
	(Treasurer / Collector @ $45,613/year + $100 long.)					
	(Assistant Collector - part time @ $20,358/yr)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	13,754	13,887	14,810	4,110	4,110
145-5200	TAX TITLE EXP					10,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				10,300	10,300
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	2,485	2,102	563	600	0
		85,922	87,094	89,109	90,985	90,481
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	2,245	2,853	3,750	3,750	0
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	21,039	31,890	20,000	20,000	40,000
		30,284	41,743	30,750	30,750	47,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES		4,000	4,000	4,000	0
155-5200	EXPENSES	22,936	36,806	25,000	8,000	14,500
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				25,200	36,790
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)			0	10,000	15,000
		22,936	40,806	29,000	47,200	66,290
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	50,604	61,313	52,289	52,118	65,291
	(Permit Office $36,733/yr + $300 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ 19.5 hrs/wk @ $16.66/hr)					
	(Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $14.43/hr)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	40,255	35,356	46,350	45,475	46,237
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			6,000		
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings				8,000	8,000
159-5320	Cleaning Services			7,500	7,588	0
159-5700	OTHER - Wetlands Delineation - Boulder Lane		10,901	0	0	9,000
159-5800	CAPITAL	4,000	0	0	0	0
		94,859	107,570	112,139	113,181	128,528
161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $40,644/yr + $200 longevity)	36,703	37,075	39,026	41,297	40,844
161-5200	EXPENSES	3,405	2,183	2,675	2,275	3,050
		40,108	39,258	41,701	43,572	43,894

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162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	5,743	4,345	4,109	3,850	5,439
162-5200	EXPENSES	5,042	4,490	13,560	10,185	17,921
162-5700	OTHER				0	0
		10,785	8,835	17,669	14,035	23,360
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $18.24/hour - 20 hrs. per wk)	17,863	14,419	18,419	19,188	19,043
171-5200	EXPENSES	4,215	5,055	5,088	3,244	3,315
		22,079	19,474	23,507	22,432	22,358
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,500	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	500	54	500	500	500
		2,000	1,599	2,045	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	500	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	227	0	150	150	150
		727	515	665	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	6,178	5,739	7,200	6,700	6,700
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	5,630	5,798	0	0	0
198-5200	EXPENSES	2,511	2,387	6,020	2,653	3,653
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning				3,367	
		8,141	8,185	6,020	6,020	3,653
199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Salary @ $8,172/yr + Additional Maint. @ $68/yr)	5,086	7,974	8,485	8,680	8,840
199-5200	EXPENSES	34,353	11,756	9,300	6,600	6,600
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				2,700	2,700
199-5800	CAPITAL	0	32,995	0	5,500	5,000
		39,439	52,725	17,785	23,480	23,140
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	545,850	619,403	705,893	758,873	871,168

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	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Chief @ $74,522 - base/year + 300 longevity)	731,367	742,643	759,054	775,649	841,271
210-5200	EXPENSES	54,827	54,283	57,081	57,781	58,581
210-5800	CAPITAL	26,923	28,982	56,000	30,000	30,000
		813,117	825,908	872,135	863,430	929,852
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS (Chief @ $33,620/year) (Fire Prevention Officer @ $9,614/year)	233,726	102,643	107,575	122,167	133,219
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES		134,336	136,104	141,890	141,890
220-5200	EXPENSES	45,212	53,492	57,820	59,000	59,000
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	29,004	37,059	41,899	42,725	42,725
220-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0
		307,942	327,530	343,398	365,782	376,834
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	34,749	36,480	39,110	40,283	38,980
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES (Building Inspector @ $16,396/year) (Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600/year)	14,725	15,167	17,208	17,798	17,996
241-5200	EXPENSES	157	347	2,450	500	500
		14,882	15,514	19,658	18,298	18,496
243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $3,882/year)	3,500	3,605	3,713	3,806	3,882
243-5200	EXPENSES	384	300	425	425	425
		3,884	3,905	4,138	4,231	4,307
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Electrical Inspector @ $8,579/year)	7,090	7,303	8,206	8,411	8,579
245-5200	EXPENSES	112	376	1,100	500	500
		7,202	7,679	9,306	8,911	9,079

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249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	851	2,547	2,598	3,021	3,021
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,651	1,956	2,933	2,676	2,676
249-5800	CAPITAL	0	6,995	0	0	0
		3,502	11,498	5,531	5,697	5,697
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,518	1,602	2,000	2,000	2,000
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $5,078/year) (Deer Officer @ $2,122/year)	7,729	7,961	8,200	8,200	8,200
292-5200	EXPENSES	650	150	2,500	2,000	2,000
		8,379	8,111	10,700	10,200	10,200
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,315/year)	1,181	1,221	1,258	1,289	1,315
294-5200	EXPENSES	12,438	14,432	15,400	1,900	1,900
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	1,500	9,675	11,200	24,700	24,500
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement	2,000	305	2,000	2,000	2,000
		17,119	25,633	29,858	29,889	29,715
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	18,873	19,628	21,000	19,000	17,850
298-5200	EXPENSES				4,029	0
298-5700	OTHER					
298-5800	CAPITAL	14,115	9,916	9,300	0	0
		32,988	29,544	30,300	23,029	17,850
299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $10,416)	121,383	118,594	128,560	138,347	153,271
299-5700	OTHER	0	0	3,000	0	0
299-5800	CAPITAL			0	5,401	0
		121,383	118,594	131,560	143,748	153,271
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,366,665	1,411,998	1,497,694	1,515,498	1,596,281

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	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	3,398,597	3,944,651	4,196,091	4,491,831	4,762,661
	FY04 base $4,370,288 + override $121,543 = 4,491,831					
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	42,659	41,976	43,227	44,576	65,857
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	218,367	218,003	220,247	218,072	231,515
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)			44,708	50,903	50,339
		261,026	259,979	308,182	313,551	347,711
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	3,659,623	4,204,630	4,504,273	4,805,382	5,110,372
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	53,989	55,818	58,406	74,232	57,364
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	3,713,612	4,260,448	4,562,679	4,879,614	5,167,736
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	343,531	344,303	363,155	383,125	382,697
	(DPW Director @ $71,027/year)					
	(Foreman @ $25.04/hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity)					
	Foreman shared w/water dept.					
	(Other Wages @ $17.53 - 20.60/hour)					
422-5200	EXPENSES	32,531	23,962	32,000	33,500	35,900
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	36,864	58,749	50,900	60,200	60,200
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS		16,800	16,800	16,800	16,800
422-5800	CAPITAL	81,766	8,525	55,000	24,000	45,000
		494,692	452,339	517,855	517,625	540,597
423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	39,903	20,230	36,050	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	67,148	42,105	54,000	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	3,000	0	0	0	0
		110,051	62,335	90,050	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	30,896	30,432	36,211	36,211	37,300

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429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	43,135	32,758	33,000	38,500	38,500
		43,135	32,758	33,000	38,500	38,500
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	327,317	294,887	300,000	239,000	238,000
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $37.57/wk)		2,000	1,868	1,915	1,954
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	4,209	3,133	4,728	4,000	5,600
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	350	500	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	150	200	200	200	200
		4,709	5,833	7,296	6,615	8,254
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	28,363	34,928	36,590	44,090	44,090
		28,363	34,928	36,590	44,090	44,090
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,039,163	913,512	1,021,002	972,091	996,791
	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES (Inspector of Animals @$2,000/year) (Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)	1,885	1,942	2,120	2,120	2,120
510-5200	EXPENSES	8,003	8,299	10,500	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $0/hr				10,500	10,500
510-5700	OTHER - FY05 - Pleasant Pond Restoration	0	18,229	16,430	2,800	300
		9,888	28,470	29,050	18,220	15,720
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES			2,600	2,600	1,360
541-5200	EXPENSES	3,218	2,895	3,930	3,930	8,000
		3,218	2,895	6,530	6,530	9,360

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542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES				34,780	42,915
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $14.28/hr)					
	Dispatcher & 2 Drivers (each @ 18hrs/wk @ $10.20/hr)					
542-5200	EXPENSES				0	6,250
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
	Note: COA Van program was funded for 6 months in FY04 via an override. This program is funded for 12 months in FY05.				34,780	49,165
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	17,544	17,931	12,624	12,624	13,559
		17,544	18,931	13,624	13,624	14,559
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	30,650	50,296	49,204	73,154	88,804
	CULTURE and RECREATION					
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**					
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES		332,294			
5101	Director (Salary @ $58,434/yr)			55,619	57,667	58,434
	Assistant Director				0	0
	Subtotal Administration			55,619	57,667	58,434
5102	Head Reference (@ $30,712/year)			31,925	33,101	30,712
5103	Reference (@ $29,196/year + $100 longevity)			27,819	28,843	29,296
5104	Head Childrens (@ $33,505/year + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,201	33,605
5105	Childrens (@ $30,260/year)			28,832	29,894	30,260
5106	Head of Circulation (@ $33,505/yr + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,201	33,605
5107	Administrative Assistant (@ $29,196/year)			27,818	28,843	29,196
5108	Technical Services (@ $39,998/year + $400 longevity)			38,111	39,615	40,398
	Subtotal Professional			218,355	226,698	227,072
5110	Support Staff - 8Part-time Positions ($11.31-$12.92/hr)			74,955	83,216	58,951
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $14.43/hr.					18,831
	2 Shelvers @ 7 hrs/wk. @ $8.04/hr.					5,876
	Subtotal Support				83,216	83,658
	Total Salaries		332,294	348,929	367,581	369,164

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620-5200	EXPENSES	12,217	183,693			
5201	Library Books			81,900	85,575	88,000
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals			10,000	8,000	8,000
5203	Furniture & Equipment			2,000	500	600
5204	Technology			38,000	38,000	35,926
5205	General Supplies			13,200	14,000	12,100
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel			3,200	3,500	1,000
5207	Programs			3,000	3,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities			65,000	52,500	52,200
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds			5,500	12,145	19,420
5210	Other			3,000	0	0
	Total Expenses	12,217	183,693	224,800	217,220	218,246
620-5800	CAPITAL					
	Total Capital					0
	TOTAL LIBRARY	12,217	515,987	573,729	584,801	587,410
640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,714 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	27,979	36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206
		27,979	36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES	596	0	4,000	6,500	6,650
650-5200	EXPENSES	769	2,370	3,244	3,000	6,350
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	0	0	0	0	650
650-5700	OTHER	0	6,450	0	0	0
		1,366	8,820	7,244	9,500	13,650

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691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	0	220	300	300	300
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	950	979	1,008	1,008	1,038
		950	979	1,008	1,008	1,038
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	500	500	500
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	500	500	500	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	43,011	563,121	625,786	641,724	655,604
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	175,452	226,230	255,136	250,144	276,119
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,288	2,300	2,300	2,300
		177,740	228,518	257,436	252,444	278,419
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	297,985	249,212	310,607	361,891	392,935
914-5220	UNEMPLOYMENT	375	1,125	21,500	0	15,960
		298,360	250,337	332,107	361,891	408,895
916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	37,311	42,700	31,700	25,000	27,000
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	56,119	64,319	75,600	85,473	91,393
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance					11,000
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
		56,119	64,319	76,600	86,473	103,393
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	569,530	585,874	697,843	725,808	817,707

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	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	80,000	80,000	25,000	0	0
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	0	69,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)				15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT				0	116,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER					12,000
	Subtotal - Principal	80,000	189,000	135,000	125,000	253,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	10,120	5,800	1,400	0	0
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	11,613	12,449	9,383	8,583	7,783
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	7,347	127,186	54,058	51,258	48,458
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE		16,721	14,488	13,688	12,888
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)				10,135	9,535
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN Hall / POLICE PROJECT				72,555	145,152
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER					3,024
	Subtotal - Interest	29,080	162,156	79,329	156,219	226,840
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	109,080	351,156	214,329	281,219	479,840
	Subtotal General Fund	**7,417,560**	**8,755,808**	**9,374,430**	**9,847,981**	**10,673,931**
	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Superintendant's Salary @ $57,956/year + $400 longevity) (Asst. Supt. @ $25.04/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway) (Other Wages @ $20.09/hour) (COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)	99,343	101,481	106,918	109,021	110,492
29-5200	EXPENSES	60,001	64,142	71,600	74,900	75,690
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE				12,640	27,440
29-5800	CAPITAL	23,079	31,758	44,300	42,000	48,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	182,423	197,381	222,818	238,561	261,622
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL		95,000	90,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST		75,620	71,820	58,085	70,085
	Subtotal Water Tank		170,620	161,820	133,085	145,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	182,423	368,001	384,638	371,646	406,707
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**7,599,983**	**9,123,809**	**9,759,068**	**10,219,627**	**11,080,638**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2000 6/30/2001	Actual 7/1/2001 6/30/2002	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Budgeted 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Recommended 7/1/04 6/30/05

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE 2 AS SHOWN ON RECAP SHEET

WAGES	2,529,123
EXPENSES	8,423,515
CAPITAL	128,000
TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**11,080,638**

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES (continued)

ARTICLE FOUR Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2004, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CEMETERY AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS RECEIVED IN FY2004, AS PRINTED IN PART I OF THE TOWN REPORTS, AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DAVID BONNETTE, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE FIVE Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $76,824 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 246 OF THE ACTS OF 2002, THE SUM OF $76,824 FOR WORK ON TOWN ROADS, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS DETAILED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 30, SECTION 39M; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 44J; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 26-27F; SAID WORK TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCOTT SPEARING, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SINPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE SIX Senior Tax Relief

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59, Section 5, last paragraph, to increase the annual exemption pursuant to clause Seventeenth D by an amount not to exceed the increase in the cost of living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for each year, effective commencing in FY04, and accept the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 5, clause Seventeenth E providing for an annual increase in the amount of exemption pursuant to clause Seventeenth D; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MGL CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE SEVENTEENTH E PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CLAUSE SEVEN-TEENTH D BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING AS DETERMINED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR EACH YEAR, EFFECTIVE IN FY 2004.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES (continued)

ARTICLE SIX Senior Tax Relief (continued)

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DONALD PICKARD, SELECTMAN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE SEVEN Lord's Hill Water Tank Painting

To see if the Town will vote to approve the painting of the Lord's Hill Water tank and to authorize that a sum of money not to exceed $350,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44 as a general obligation of the town, the principal, interest, and cost of which, however, are to be paid by the water rates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION THE WATER COMMISSION MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE THE PAINTING OF THE LORD'S HILL WATER TANK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TO BORROW A SUM OF MONEY NOT TO EXCEED $350,000 UNDER GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 8 FOR THIS PURPOSE AS A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE TOWN, THE PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, AND COST OF WHICH, HOWEVER, ARE TO BE PAID BY THE WATER RATES.

DISCUSSION

Question: What would be the cost simply to replace the tank?
Answer: $1,000,000

Question: What will be the cost added on to water bills over the next ten years?
Answer: Twelve percent (12%) will be added to water bills over the next ten years.

2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DONALD A. FINOCCHIO, WATER BOARD COMMISSIONER

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED WITH ONE VOTE IN THE NEGATIVE

ARTICLE EIGHT Tax Bill Contribution Options - Town Scholarships

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, Section 3C which authorizes a Town to designate a place on a tax bill issued or administered by the Town whereby taxpayers of the Town may voluntarily donate to a Town Scholarship Fund, the purposes of which shall be to provide educational financial aid to deserving town residents selected by a scholarship committee consisting of the Superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (or the Superintendent's designee) and at least four residents of the town appointed by the Board of Selectmen; or to take any other action thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MGL CHAPTER 60, SECTION 3C, TO ESTABLISH A TOWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND, THE PURPOSES OF WHICH SHALL BE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL AID TO DE-SERVING TOWN RESIDENTS AND A TOWN EDUCATION FUND, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH SHALL

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES (continued)

ARTICLE EIGHT Tax Bill Contribution Options - Town Scholarships (continued)

BE TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL EDUCATION NEEDS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSORS AND THE COLLECTOR-TREASURER TO IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY DONATION TAX BILL MECHANISM TO ENABLE CITIZENS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION FUND, ALL AS PROVIDED IN SAID SECTION 3C.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY THOMAS TANOUS, SELECTMAN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

It should be noted that the Scholarship Fund is for Wenham residents only. The Education Fund is for Hamilton and Wenham residents.

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY TEN TO ONE IN FAVOR

ARTICLE NINE Tax Bill Contribution Options - Elderly and Disabled Relief

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 60, Section 3D which authorizes a town to designate a place on a tax bill issued or administered by the Town whereby taxpayers of the Town may voluntarily donate to a Town Aid to Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income selected by a Taxation Aid Committee comprised of the chairman of the Board of Assessors, the Town Treasurer, and three residents of the town appointed by the Board of Selectmen; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MGL CHAPTER 60, SECTION 3D, TO ESTABLISH AN AID TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAXATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE REAL ESTATE TAXES OF ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS OF LOW INCOME, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSORS AND THE COLLECTOR-TREASURER TO IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY DONATION TAX BILL MECHANISM TO ENABLE CITIZENS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND, ALL AS PROVIDED IN SAID SECTION 3D.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY PETER HERSEE, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED WITH SOME OPPOSITION

ARTICLE TEN Underground Petroleum Storage Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Wenham for the regulation of underground petroleum storage tanks (UST), in the form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection, to protect, preserve and maintain the existing and potential groundwater supply and groundwater recharge areas within the Town of Wenham from contamination by oil or hazardous materials by requiring that owners of properties located within the Zone II of the Wenham

public water supply and the Aquifer Protection District register their UST with the Wenham Fire Department, and to test all tanks older than 15 years, or for which there is no information on the date of installation, on an annual basis by a licensed company at the expense of the property owner, and to remove the UST in accordance with state requirements if the UST fails, and also to prohibit installation of new single-wall USTs within the Zone II and Aquifer Protection District; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE PLANNING BOARD [in conjunction with the Board of Water Commissioners and the Board of Fire Engineers] MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT AN UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE BYLAW, IN THE FORM ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK, AS NEW SECTION XX AMENDING THE WENHAM PROTECTIVE ZONING BYLAW, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO SPREAD A COPY OF THE SAME ON THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING TO EVIDENCE ITS ADOPTION BY TOWN MEETING.

TOWN OF WENHAM
UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE BYLAW

Section 1: Authority

This bylaw is adopted by the Town of Wenham under its home rule powers, its police powers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and its authorization under MGL c.40, 21.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the existing and potential groundwater supply and groundwater recharge areas within the Town of Wenham from contamination. Nothing in this bylaw shall be construed as inconsistent with, or in interference with the authority vested upon the Wenham Fire Chief under MGL c.148, or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Section 3: Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw.

3.1 "Abandoned" means being out of service for a period of 180 days.

3.2 "Discharge" means the disposal, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, incineration, or placing of any hazardous material or any constituent thereof into or on any land or water so that such material may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwater.

3.3 "Hazardous materials" means any substance or combination of substances which, because of quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, poses a significant, present or potential hazard to water supplies or human health if disposed into or on any land or water in the Town of Wenham. Any substance deemed a hazardous waste under Section 3001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 40 CFR, part 261, shall also be deemed a hazardous material for the purpose of this bylaw.

3.4 "Leak" means any uncontrolled movement, measured by a testing method accurate to 0.05 gallons per hour, of any hazardous material out of a tank or its components, or any controlled movement of water into a tank or its components.

ARTICLE TEN Underground Petroleum Storage Bylaw (continued)

is a substantial likelihood of a leak equal to or greater than 0.05 gallons per hour in the inner wall of a double-walled tank, that tank shall be removed within 72 hours following confirmation of the test results. Nothing in this bylaw shall relieve any person from the requirements established in MGL c. 21E or 310 CMR 40.0000 et seq.

4.4 All underground tanks located within the Zone II and/or Aquifer Protection District shall be subject to mandatory testing 15 years after the date of installation, and annually thereafter. If the evidence of the date of installation is not available, all such tanks shall be tested annually, effective upon adoption of this bylaw. The first annual test shall be completed within 12 months of adoption of this bylaw. Owners may demonstrate to the Fire Chief that such tests are not appropriate when, after showing to the Fire Chief of monitoring devices, double-walled construction, or equivalent safety precautions, the Fire Chief determines that the underground tank does not represent a threat to ground or surface water quality. Such waivers shall be required annually.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to replace or supercede the testing requirements of MGL c. 148 or 527 CMR 9.00, et seq. as amended

The provisions of this Section shall apply only within the Aquifer Protection District of the Town of Wenham and/or Zone II within the Town of Wenham.

Section 5: Abandonment

5.1 All abandoned tanks shall be removed within 6 months of abandonment.

Section 6: Defects

6.1 All leaking tanks must be emptied by the owner or operator within twelve hours after detection of the leak, and the tank removed by the owner or operator in accordance with Section 4.3 above.

Section 7: Enforcement

7.1 The Fire Chief or his agent, and agents of the Board of Water Commissioners may enter upon privately-owned property for the purpose of performing his duties under this bylaw.

7.2 Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense; if more than one violation exists, each condition shall constitute a separate offense. Upon the request of the Fire Chief, the Board of Selectmen shall take such legal action as necessary to enforce this bylaw.

Section 8: Severability

The validity of any portion or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

[The above is the version of the bylaw approved by the State Attorney General.]

2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DAVID E. GEIKIE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD

VOTER CARDS AND TELLERS
YES: 210 NO: 5

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY THE REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY

ARTICLE TEN Underground Petroleum Storage Bylaw (continued)

3.5 "Out of Service" shall mean not in use, with no regular filling or drawing; or not being maintained, without adherence to the requirements of this bylaw; or uncontrolled, without being attended or secured; or any combination thereof.

3.6 "Tank" means any structure used, or designed to be used, for the storage of hazardous materials of any kind.

3.7 "Underground Tank or Storage: shall mean any storage containment systems including piping connection therewith, which meets at least one of the following criteria:

a. The top of which is located below ground; or
b. Any portion of which is four feet or more below ground. Underground Tank or Storage shall not include the storage of fuel oil for heating purposes in a freestanding container within a building.

3.8 "Water Supply Recharge Area" means those areas designated as the Aquifer Protection District as depicted on a map prepared by Hancock Survey, entitled "Aquifer Protection District Map", dated March 1990. The water supply recharge areas are those areas that supply drinking water directly or indirectly to the public water aupply for the Town of Wenham.

3.9 "Zone II" means that the area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can be realistically anticipated, as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Supply pursuant to 310 CMR 22.00 et seq.

Section 4: Underground Storage Tanks

4.1 Installation of single wall underground storage tanks within the boundaries of the Aquifer Protection District and/or Zone II is prohibited.

4.2 All owners of underground storage tanks containing hazardous materials, in any quantity, including owners of buried fuel oil storage tanks, shall file with the Fire Chief the following information within one year of the adoption of this bylaw:

a. Name, address and telephone numbers (day and night) of the owner or operator
a. The size of the tank and of what material is it made;
b. The type of tank construction, and indication of any leak detection methods in place;
b. The type of hazardous material being stored and quantity;
c. The location of each tank on the premises, complete with sketched map;
d. The age of each tank, evidence of the date of installation, including any permits, if applicable;
e. Description of any previous leaks or spills, including approximate dates, causes, estimated amounts and repairs undertaken; and
f. The date and method of the most recent tank tightness test.

4.3 Owners of tanks located within the Zone II and/or Aquifer Protection District, for which evidence of installation date is not available shall, at the order of the Fire Chief, have such underground tank and systems tested, in accordance with section 4.3 herein. If the testing determines that the tank is not product tight, as established by a tank test conducted in conformance with the methodology prescribed for that test which indicates: (1) there is a substantial likelihood of a leak equal to or greater than 0.05 gallons per hour in a single-walled tank; or (2) there

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES (continued)

ARTICLE ELEVEN Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 for the $20,510,326 annual operating expenses of the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2004, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $255,119 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2004?"

MOTION THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $255,119, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C(G), AND ALSO CONTINGENT UPON THE TOWN OF HAMILTON APPROPRIATING ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE, TO BE ADDED TO THE PORTION OF ARTICLE 2 ALLOCATED FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT WHICH IS APPROVED AND FUNDED BY THE TOWN OF WENHAM. THE BALLOT VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THIS APPROPRIATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $255,119 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING WENHAM'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF THE PORTION APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 2, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2004?"

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 5% OF 2457 (123)
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED WITH TWO VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE

ARTICLE TWELVE Other Business

To act on any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Election results were announced.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn to the May 13, 2004 Override Election.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT ARTICLE TEN ZONING BYLAW CHANGE
Underground Petroleum Storage

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: Wenham Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2004 - Case #3104
Warrant Article #10 (Zoning)

ARTICLE 10 - I return with the approval of the Office the amendments to the town by-laws adopted under this Article on the warrant for the Wenham annual town meeting that convened on May 1, 2004, except as provided below.

The amendments adopted under Article 10 add a new Underground Petroleum Storage By-law to the town's zoning by-laws. We point out that a number of state laws and regulations pertain to the removal of underground storage tanks and also to the cleanup of leaks from underground storage tanks.

Under G.L. c. 21E, the Massachusetts Superfund statute, responsibility and liability are imposed for releases of hazardous material and oil and other petroleum products. The Department of Environmental Protection has also adopted a comprehensive set of regulations at 310 C.M.R. Section 40.0000 et seq pertaining to the reporting of releases, cleanup procedures, and liability of responsibile parties. The statutory definition for hazardous material in Section 2 of Chapter 21E explicitly excludes "oil" and provides as follows:

> "Hazardous material", material including but not limited to, any material, in whatever form, which, because of its quantity, concentration, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, welfare, or to the environment, when improperly stored, treated, transported, disposed of, used, or otherwise managed. The term shall not include oil. The term shall also include all those substances which are included under 42 USC Sec. 9601 (14), but it is not limited to those substances.
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> Section 2 of G.L.c.21E defines "oil" as follows:
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> "Oil", insoluble or partially soluble oils of any kind or origin or in any form, including, without limitation, crude or fuel oils, lube oil or sludge, asphalt, insoluble or partially insoluble derivatives of mineral, animal or vegetable oils. The term shall not include waste oil, and shall not include those substances which are included in 42 USC Sec.9601(14).

These definitions are important because the type of release determines who is responsible and liable for the cleanup under state law. See, G.L.c.21E, Section 5. The proposed by-law is titled "Underground Petroleum Storage By-law;" but, nowhere in the proposed by-law is the term oil or petroleum defined. However, the proposed by-law defines "hazardous materials," which seem to include oil and petroleum products. Thus, the proposed by-law seems to treat the release of hazardous materials and oil and petroleum products in the same way. While such difference does not result in any facial inconsistency with state law, we caution the town that nothing in the proposed by-law relieves an owner of an underground storage tank from complying with applicable state and federal laws on the same subject, including G.L.c.21E and 310C.M.R.Section 40.0000 et seq. We therefore caution the town that great care must be given to apply the proposed by-law in a manner consistent with G.L.c.21E and 310 C.M.R. section 40.0000 et seq.

We next call the town's attention to the Department of Fire Service's regulations adopted under 527C.M.R. Section 9.00 of 527 C.M.R. pertains to the design, construction, installation, testing, and maintenance of tanks and containers, including underground storage tanks. Section 9.02 of 527 C.M.R. defines terms used in 527 C.M.R. Section 9.00. Specifically, Section 9.02 includes a definition for "Hazardous Substance" and provides as follows:

> Hazardous Substances are regulated substances as defined in section 101(14) of the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 and 40CFR Part 302. (This term does not include any substance regulated as a hazardous waste under Subtitle C of the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and 40CFR Part 261).
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> Section 9.02 also includes a definition for Underground Storage Tank and provides as follows:
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> Underground Storage, Underground Storage Tank, UST, where 10% or more of the tank volume and piping is buried below the ground surface but which shall not include storage in a freestanding container within a building or underground storage tanks described in 527 CMR 9.07(N)(2),(3),(8),(11), (12),(13),(14),(16) and (17).

Section 3, "Definitions," of the proposed by-law defines the phrase "Hazardous materials" and provides as follows:

> [A]ny substance or combination of substances which, because of quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to water supplies or human health if disposed into or on any land or water in the Town of Wenham. Any substance deemed a hazardous waste under Section 3001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 40CFR,part261, shall also be deemed a hazardous material for the purpose of this bylaw.

Section 3 of the proposed by-law also defines the phrase "Underground Tank or Storage" and provides as follows:

> [A]ny storage containment systems including piping connection therewith, which meets at least one of the following criteria:
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> a. The top of which is located below ground; or
> b. Any portion of which is four feet or more below ground. Underground Tank or Storage shall not include the storage of fuel oil for heating purposes in a freestanding container within a building.

The definitions of hazardous materials and underground storage tank in the proposed by-law are not the same as the definitions in 527 C.M.R. Section 9.02. While such differences do not result in any facial inconsistency with state law, we again caution the town that nothing in the proposed by-law relieves an owner of an undergroung storage tank from complying with other applicable state and federal laws, including 527 C.M.R. Section 9.00 et seq.

We next call the town's attention to Section 5, "Abandonment," which provides as follows:

> 5.1 All abandoned tanks shall be removed within 6 months of abandonment.

We point out that Section 5.1 is vague. It is unclear who must remove abandoned tanks; is it the town, the property owner on which the abandoned tank is located, or the owner of the abandoned tank? The town may wish to clarify this at a future town meeting.

We also call the town's attention to Section 7, "Enforcement," which would provide as follows:

> 7.1 The Fire Chief or his agent, and agents of the Board of Water Commissioners may enter upon privately-owned property for the purpose of performing his duties under this bylaw.
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> 7.2 **Any person who violated any provision of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1000.00.** Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a seperate offence. Upon the request of the Fire Chief, the Board of Selectmen shall take such legal action as necessary to enforce this bylaw.

(Emphasis added.)

We disapprove and delete the above-underlined text from Section 7.2 of the proposed by-law amendment because it is inconsistent with G.L.c.40, Section 21. [**Disapproval #1 of 1**]

General Laws, Chapters 40, Section 21, recognizes the power of a town to impose penalties for violations of general by-laws. However, the maximum penalty allowed under G.L.c.40, Section 21, is $300. Any penalty imposed greater than $300 would be inconsistent with G.L.c.40, Section 21. The above-underlined text of Section 7.2 of the proposed by-law would authorize the town to impose a fine of $1,000 for violations of the proposed by-law. This exceeds the $300 fine allowed under G.L.c.40, Section 21. For this reason, we disapprove and delete the above-underlined text in Section 7.2.

Next, we call the town's attention to Section 7.1. In approving Section 7.1, we remind the town that the above-quoted text must be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. We remind the town that the Fire Chief, his agents, and agents of the Board of Water Commissioners do not have the authority under the proposed by-law to enter upon private property to inspect for violations of the law or conduct warrantless searches of private property without permission of the owner. Commonwealth v. John G. Grant and Sons Co., Inc., 403 Mass.151, 159-160 (1988). When entry upon private property is necessary or appropriate for the investigation of an apparent or suspected violation of the by-law, it would be necessary for the Fire Chief, his agents and agents of the Board of Water Commisioners to obtain an administrative search warrant to do so in the absence of express permission by the owner or other lawful means. The town may wish to discuss this issue in more detail with town counsel.

Lastly, in approving the proposed by-laws, we call your attention to G.L. c. 148, Section 9. General Laws Chapter 148, Section 9, authorizes towns to enact by-laws regulating blasting operations, or the use, handling,transportation and storage of explosives and inflammable materials. By-laws regulating blasting operations or dynamite or gunpowder must be submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Fire Regulations within ten days after passage for the Board's approval. A copy of all by-laws regulating storage and transportation of inflammable liquids, such as underground storage tank by-laws, must be submitted to the Board, although the Board's approval is not required. Therefore, we suggest that the town discuss with town counsel whether or not the town must comply with the requirements of G.L.c.148, Section 9.

Very truly yours,
Signed: THOMAS F. REILLY, ATTORNEY GENERAL
by: Kelli E. Gunagan, Assistant Attorney General

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young
Town Clerk

SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTION
Regional School District Operating Expense
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004

For a copy of the Warrant for the override election, please refer to pages 261-263.

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	727
Number of Regular Ballots Cast	697
Number of Absentee Ballots Cast	30
COUNT OF REGULAR BALLOTS	
Ballots furnished	1500
Ballots cast	727
Ballots spoiled	0
Ballots for test	5
Ballots unused	768
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1500
COUNT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS	
Ballots furnished	100
Ballots cast	30
Ballots rejected	2
Ballots unreturned	3
Ballots for test	4
Ballots unused	61
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	100

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $255,119 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2004?

YES	540
NO	181
BLANKS	6
TOTAL	727

ATTEST:
Frances Harte Young
Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF HAMILTON CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

May 14, 2004

The following is a Certification of the Vote taken at the Annual Town Election for the Town of Hamilton, held May 13, 2004 at the Winthrop School.

BALLOT QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $581,612 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding

SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF HAMILTON VOTE (continued)

Hamilton's apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004?

Yes	1,041
No	808
Blanks	6
Total	1,855

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

Signed: Jane M. Wetson, Hamilton Town Clerk

DISSOLUTION OF WENHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 8:48PM

Present: Moderator Paul Weaver, Town Clerk Frances Young, Selectmen Donald Pickard, Peter Hersee, Thomas Tanous

At a regularly scheduled and posted meeting of the Wenham Board of Selectmen, Tuesday, May 18, 2004, Moderator Paul Weaver declared the Annual Meeting back in session for the purpose of dissolution. The Override Election having been conducted and concluded on Thursday, May 13, 2004, and there being no further business to come before the meeting, Moderator Weaver called for a motion to dissolve. Peter Hersee so moved and the board seconded. At 8:49PM the 2004 Annual Town Meeting was declared dissolved.

ATTEST: Frances Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

PRECINCT ONE

BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

on TUESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	Sixth Congressional District
COUNCILLOR	Fifth District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	First Essex and Middlesex District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	Fourth Essex District
SHERIFF	Essex County

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 17th (day) day of August (month), 2004.

Donald J. Pickard, Selectman

Peter A. Hersee, Selectman

Thomas Tanous, Selectman

To be posted on the Bulletin Board at the corner of Friend Court and Main Street; at the Four Corners of Walnut Road, Larch Row and Dodge's Row; at the corner of Topsfield Road, Cherry Street and Maple Street; and at the corner of Hull Street.

Constable

08-25-04
Month, day and year

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION		130
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST (Democratic and Republican)	112	
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	18	
LIBERTARIAN PAPER BALLOTS CAST	0	
GREEN RAINBOW PAPER BALLOTS CAST	0	
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST		130

DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
Ballot Accounting

REGULAR BALLOTS FURNISHED	1050
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	36
SPOILED BALLOTS	0
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS NOT CAST	0
TEST BALLOTS	4
UNUSED BALLOTS	1010
TOTAL REGULAR DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1050

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FURNISHED	25
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	6
SPOILED BALLOTS	0
REJECTED BALLOTS	0
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS NOT CAST	0
UNRETURNED BALLOTS	4
TEST BALLOTS	2
UNUSED BALLOTS	13
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	25

REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
Ballot Accounting

REGULAR BALLOTS FURNISHED	1900
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	76
SPOILED BALLOTS	0
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS NOT CAST	0
TEST BALLOTS	10
UNUSED BALLOTS	1814
TOTAL REGULAR REPUBLICAN BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1900

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FURNISHED	175
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	12
ABSENTEE BALLOTS SPOILED	0
ABSENTEE BALLOTS REJECTED	0
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS NOT CAST	0
UNRETURNED BALLOTS	3
TEST BALLOTS	2
UNUSED BALLOTS	158
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	175

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John F. Tierney	40
Blanks	2
Writeins	0
Total	42

COUNCILLOR

Mary-Ellen Manning	35
Blanks	7
Writeins	0
Total	42

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Paul M. McGeary	33
Blanks	9
Writeins	0
Total	42

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Timothy A. Purinton	38
Blanks	4
Writeins	0
Total	42

SHERIFF

William F. Murley	32
Blanks	10
Writeins	0
Total	42

REPUBLICAN PARTY

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Stephen O'Malley, Jr.	73
Blanks	15
Writeins	0
Total	88

COUNCILLOR

BLANKS	87
WRITEINS	1
Total	88

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Bruce E. Tarr	86
Blanks	2
Writeins	0
Total	88

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

REPUBLICAN PARTY (continued)

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Bradford R. Hill	87
Blanks	1
Writeins	0
Total	88

SHERIFF

Frank G. Cousins, Jr.	83
Blanks	5
Writeins	0
Total	88

NO BALLOTS WERE CAST FOR THE LIBERTARIAN AND GREEN-RAINBOW PARTIES.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

FRANCES HARTE YOUNG, TOWN CLERK

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
October 19, 2004

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Tuesday the nineteenth of October, 2004, at Seven-thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles. The articles are to be acted upon commencing at 7:30 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Town Election on November 18, 2004, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M].

ARTICLE 1: Town Hall/Police Station: 2004 Revised Plan and Additional Funding

To see if the Town will vote to replace the present Town Hall with a newly constructed building on the same site to house both the Town Hall and the Police Department generally as described in the report of the Town Hall & Police Station Building Committee (the "Committee") dated August 19, 2004, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk (the "Project"), to be designed and constructed under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen and to increase the total appropriation for the cost of the Project by an amount to be recommended by the Committee and apply the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting for renovation of the old Town Hall and construction of a new Police Station to fund the cost of the Project, and to increase the authorized borrowing for the Project by the amount by which the total appropriation for the cost of the Project exceeds the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, provided that said increase in borrowing, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on November 18, 2004, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, issued in order to pay for the costs of the Town

Hall and Police Station Project as approved under Article 1 of the October 19, 2004, Special town Meeting?"

ARTICLE 2: Town Hall/Police Station Alternative: Additional Funding for 2002 Plan

Provided that the Town has voted not to approve Article 1, to see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation for the cost of the Town Hall renovation and new Police Station project, approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, by an amount to be recommended by the Town Hall & Police Station Building Committee, and to increase the authorized borrowing by a like amount provided that said increase in borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k), said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on November 18, 2004, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued in order to pay for the increased costs of the Town Hall and Police Station Project?"

ARTICLE 3: Authorization to Dispose of Town-owned Land

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of parcels of land, acquired through donation and or tax takings and located throughout the Town of Wenham, as more particularly described on the list below, at such times and on such terms as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

	Map	Lot	Land Area	Location
1.	4	1	30,100 s.f.	288 Topsfield Road
2.	15	29	40,130 s.f.	215 Topsfield Road
3.	35	57	40,290 s.f.	9 Hilltop Drive
4.	35	3	43,296 s.f.	3 Enon Road
5.	35	4	43,062 s.f.	5 Enon Road

Article 4: Water Surplus Fund Transfer

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of a sum of money from the Water Surplus Fund to the Water Department FY 2005 budget for costs associated with the legal appeal process for water use regulations, or take any other action thereon.

Article 5: To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before this Meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 28th day of September, 2004.

Donald J. Pickard

Thomas Tanous

Peter A. Hersee

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 4 day of 10, 2004, posted the attested copies thereof as directed Therein."

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

Constable of the Town of Wenham

Date: 10-04-04

A true copy
ATTEST:
Frances Harte Young
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004
7:30PM

MODERATOR	Paul D. Weaver
TOWN CLERK	Frances H. Young
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	Donald Pickard, Peter Hersee, Thomas Tanous
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL/POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE	

Moderator Paul Weaver called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Explanation of warrant, including the fact that a debt exclusion vote requires a two-thirds majority vote on town meeting floor, leading to a simple majority requirement at the special election.

Explanation of decorum - respect for each other despite opposing views.
Explanation of proper procedure for speakers - go to the microphones (line up, need be), give name and address - express opinion or ask question.

Requirements for a special town meeting fulfilled.
MODERATOR, TOWN CLERK, QUORUM (2% OF 2549 registered voters = 51)
273 VOTERS PRESENT

Explanation of parliamentary procedure as related to "calling the question." It is not appropriate to just "yell" question. A formal motion ("I move...") must be made and seconded and voted upon. If the motion to call the question is passed by a two/thirds majority, debate ends and voting begins on the motion under debate.

Further procedural explanation. The Moderator said that a new solution to the problem at hand cannot be crafted tonight, due in part to the complexity of procedure and planning. Questions 1 and 2 must be considered on their own merits and if the town does not find itself satisfied with one or the other, it could be back to the drawing board. Nothing not in the motions may be debated. Input can come later if a motion passes - i.e., architectural ideas, regionalization, etc.

The following is a quote from the notes of the Moderator about reconsideration procedure.

"Finally, a word about reconsideration. I understand that there may be a constituency of voters who support funding a solution, prefer Article 2, but would vote for Article 1 if Article 2 has failed. The Selectmen have the right to set the order and conditions of the articles in a warrant, but Town Bylaws contain a potential solution to this impasse: Chapter 1, Section 3 provides: A MOTION TO RECONSIDER OR TO RESCIND A PREVIOUS VOTE OF THE MEETING MAY BE MADE ONLY FOR SUCH COMPELLING REASONS AS A CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, OR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW INFORMATION SINCE THE ORIGINAL VOTE WAS TAKEN, AND MAY BE MADE ONLY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE ORIGINAL VOTE.

"Bearing in mind this possible constituency, the Moderator is of the view that a failure to pass Article 2 would be "new information" within the intent of the bylaw, and thus that a motion to reconsider Article 1 could be in order. Such a motion, if passed by a majority vote, would wipe out the vote failing to approve Article 1 the first time, and enable the meeting to revote on the motion pending under Article 1. However, where ever possible I believe the meeting

should set its own rules, and therefore I would recognize, at this time, a motion to preclude reconsideration if this situation arises. Such a motion, technically a Motion for Suspension of Rules which is not debatable and requires a 2/3 vote, would be in the following form:

I MOVE THAT THE FAILURE OF APPROVAL OF ARTICLE 2 SHALL NOT BE A BASIS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 1 UNDER CHAPTER 1, SECTION 3 OF THE TOWN BYLAWS."

This motion was moved and seconded from the meeting floor.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2549 (51)
PRESENT: 273

YES: 88

NO: 176

TOTAL: 264

MOTION DECLARED NOT PASSED

RECONSIDERATION AVAILABLE

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE ONE Town Hall/Police Station: 2004 Revised Plan and Additional Funding

To see if the Town will vote to replace the present Town Hall with a newly constructed building on the same site to house both the Town Hall and the Police Department generally as described in the report of the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee (the "Committee") dated August 19, 2004, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk (the "Project"), to be designed and constructed under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen and to increase the total appropriation for the cost of the Project by an amount to be recommended by the Committee and apply the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting for renovation of the old Town Hall and construction of a new Police Station to fund the cost of the Project, and to increase the authorized borrowing for the Project by the amount by which the total appropriation for the cost of the Project exceeds the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, provided that said increase in borrowing, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on November 18, 2004, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00A.M. and 8:00P.M., on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, issued in order to pay for the costs of the Town Hall and Police Station Project as approved under Article 1 of the October 19, 2004, Special Town Meeting?"

MOTION THE SELECTMEN MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REPLACE THE PRESENT TOWN HALL WITH A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2 STORY BUILDING OF APPROXIMATELY 13,000 SQUARE FEET, ON THE SAME SITE, TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF BOTH THE TOWN HALL AND THE POLICE STATION OFFICES, UTILIZING A BUILDING DESIGN WHICH INCORPORATES DESIGN FEATURES BASED ON THE ORIGINAL BUILDING WHICH WILL BE DEMOLISHED, AND

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

MOTION (continued)

WHICH WILL BE IN KEEPING WITH THE TOWN'S HISTORIC CHARACTER, AND RESULT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW, MUNICIPAL CAMPUS THAT ENHANCES THE OPERATIONS AND APPEARANCE OF THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES THAT COMPRISE THE "TOWN CENTER." (THE "PROJECT"). THE PROJECT IS TO BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION FOR THE COST OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING PLANNING EXPENSES INCURRED TO DATE, IS $4.7 MILLION, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR RENOVATION OF THE OLD TOWN HALL AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION. THE AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED BORROWING FOR THE PROJECT IS HEREBY INCREASED BY $1,001,000 TO A TOTAL OF $4,435,000, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF THE BORROWING APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, PROVIDED THAT SAID INCREASE IN BORROWING SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 1/2, SO-CALLED, BY THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, PARAGRAPH (K) SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2004, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM AND 8:00PM, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO-CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL BONDS ISSUED IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE INCREASED COSTS OF THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION PROJECT?"

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DONALD PICKARD, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DISCUSSION

Points made by Donald Pickard

1) Study has been going on for sixteen years, especially of the Police Station. Luxury of delay has expired.

2) Avoid expensive duplications necessitated by erecting two buildings.

3) Rising costs as time passes.

4) Opinion that all other alternatives (i.e., Iron Rail), have been exhaustively considered.

Points made by John Darling, Building Committee

1) Explanation of total cost.

2) $3.7 million was authorized in 2002. Debt Service on this $3.7 million is already appearing in the 2004-5 tax rate.

3) The $1,001,000 additional funding raises the total cost to $4,701,000 and adds 11 cents per $1000 on the tax rate.

4) Article 2 would result in 16 cents /$1000.

Points made by Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator

1) The plan being presented to the Town is a "concept plan" and there can be modifications made at a future time.

Points made by William MacKenzie, Chief of Police

1) Spoke in favor of the new design.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

ARTICLE ONE DISCUSSION (continued)

Points by Peter Hersee, Selectman

1) Strongly in favor.
2) Praise for Building Committee who have presented an economically sound plan.

Points by Lawrence Swartz, Finance and Advisory Committee

1) Do we need this project? Police Station? Yes Town Hall? Yes, because we don't currently have one.

2) The plan is well thought out fiscally.

3) Can we afford the plan? That is a personal decision. Keep in mind that costs will keep going up and the problems will not go away.

4) The payments are bonded. They are like a mortgage and when the mortgage is paid off, it goes away.

FACTUAL QUESTIONS (Sampling)

The building will be a slab construction because the water table if 5 to 7 feet down and a basement requires a 10 to 12 foot depth.

What will happen to the old police station? It will be used as a new bay for the Fire Department.

OPINIONS (Sampling)

Several speakers were for the new building, one citing the cost of asbestos removal if renovating an old building.

Ernest S. Dodge, Planning Board, gave several reasons why he is adamantly opposed to the building project. He pointed out his and his family's long association with museums and and historic buildings. He stressed that the present town hall is a perfectly nice building, appropriate to Wenham and without which there would be a loss of the fabric of the town. He said that the Wenham Historic District Commission must protect the Town Hall - else what other "historic" buildings might also be torn down. He referred to costs and hardship for older citizens on fixed incomes, especially with oil prices rising.

Other speakers for the new building reminded voters that the old hall is not ADA compliant and that the temporary lodging is not compliant either, which could result in very expensive law suits against the town.

Toward the end of discussion Tod Brainard said that the town needs a new police station and needs to preserve the old town hall, in his opinion. He would like to see the town vote against both articles and search for a cheaper plan.

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2459 (51)
PRESENT: 273

VOTER CARDS
TELLERS

YES:	212	NO:	54	TOTAL:	266	2/3 = 177

MOTION DECLARED PASSED

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

Because ARTICLE ONE passed, ARTICLE TWO was not brought up for consideration.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE THREE Authorization to Dispose of Town-owned Land

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of parcels of land, acquired through donation and or tax takings and located throughout the Town of Wenham, as more particularly described on the list below, at such times and on such terms as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

	MAP	LOT	LAND AREA	LOCATION
1.	4	1	30,100 S.F.	288 TOPSFIELD ROAD
2.	15	29	40,130 S.F.	215 TOPSFIELD ROAD
3.	35	57	40,290 S.F.	9 HILLTOP DRIVE
4.	35	3	43,296 S.F.	3 ENON ROAD
5.	35	4	43,061 S.F.	5 ENON ROAD

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE PARCELS OF TOWN-OWNED LAND AT SUCH TIMES AND ON SUCH TERMS AS THEY SHALL DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN.

See above for list of parcels.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2459 (51)
PRESENT: 273

MOVED AND SECONDED BY THOMAS TANOUS, SELECTMAN

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED DEFEATED

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE FOUR Water Surplus Fund Transfer

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of a sum of money from the Water Surplus Fund to the Water Department FY 2005 budget for costs associated with the legal appeal process for water use regulations, or take any other action thereon.

MOTION THE WENHAM WATER COMMISSION MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO TRANSFER $71,500 FROM THE WATER SURPLUS FUND TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $71,500 TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT FOR LEGAL AND CONSULTING EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH REPRESENTATION OF THE TOWN IN A WATER USE REGULATION PROCEEDING.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

ARTICLE FOUR (continued)

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2459 (51)
PRESENT: 273

MOVED BY RICHARD QUATEMAN, WATER COMMISSIONER

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

At 10:00PM, it was moved and seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting to the November 18, 2004 Override Election.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young
Wenham Town Clerk

Town Hall and Police Station
Building Design
Approved by October 19, 2004 STM

SPECIAL TOWN OVERRIDE ELECTION
Town Hall/Police Station: 2004 Revised Plan and Additional Funding
Thursday, November 18, 2004 7:00AM - 8:00PM

For a copy of the Warrant for this election, please see pages 297-299.

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	888
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	866
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	22
TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST	888

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

Debt Exclusion for Town Hall/Police Station Building Project

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued in order to pay for the increased costs of the Town Hall and Police Station Project?

YES	470
NO	418
TOTAL	888

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young
Wenham Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004

DISSOLUTION

Friday, November 19, 2004

PRESENT: PAUL WEAVER, Moderator; FRANCES YOUNG, Town Clerk; PETER HERSEE, DONALD PICKARD, THOMAS TANOUS, Selectmen

Posted meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Moderator Weaver reconvened the Special Town Meeting at 9:37AM for the purpose of dissolution, there being no further business to legally come before the meeting. It was moved and seconded and unanimously voted to dissolve the Meeting at 9:38AM.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young
Wenham Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of WENHAM

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

PRECINCT 1 PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL

on TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	Statewide
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	Sixth District
COUNCILLOR	Fifth District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	First Essex and Middlesex District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	Fourth Essex District
SHERIFF	Essex County

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 19TH day of October, 2004.
Month

SELECTMEN OF THE
TOWN OF WENHAM

Post at Four Corners (Larch Row, Walnut Road, Dodge's Row); corner of Hull Street and Grapevine Road; bulletin board at corner of Friend Court and Main Street; intersection of Cherry Street, Maple Street and Topsfield Road. Also at Library, Post Office, Town Hall.

CONSTABLE

10 21 2004
Month, day and year

STATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Total number of registered voters: 2592

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	2269
NUMBER OF REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	2088
NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	181
TOTAL VOTE (including one provisional and one federal)	2271

COUNT OF REGULAR BALLOTS

Ballots furnished	2950
Ballots cast	2088
Ballots spoiled	5
Ballots challenged	0
Provisional ballots cast	1
Provisional ballots uncast	3
Test ballots	16
Ballots unused	837
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	2950

COUNT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Ballots furnished	225
Ballots cast	181
Ballots spoiled	0
Ballots rejected	2
Ballots returned too late or unreturned	30
Specially Qualified Voter ballots	5
Ballots unused	7
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	225

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Badnarik and Campagna	Libertarian	18
Bush and Cheney	Republican	1154
Cobb and LaMarche	Green-Rainbow	8
Kerry and Edwards	Democrat	1076
Nader and Camejo	Unenrolled	0
All Others		0
Blanks		15
TOTAL VOTES CAST		2271

STATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Sixth District)

John F. Tierney	Democrat	1252
Stephen P. O'Malley, Jr.	Republican	938
All Others		0
Blanks		81
TOTAL VOTES CAST		2271

COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)

Mary-Ellen Manning	Democrat	1425
All Others		0
Blanks		846
TOTAL VOTES CAST		2271

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (First Essex and Middlesex District)

Bruce E. Tarr	Republican	1579
Paul M. McGeary	Democrat	588
All Others		0
Blanks		104
TOTAL VOTES CAST		2271

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Fourth Essex District)

Bradford R. Hill	Republican	1474
Timothy A. Purinton	Democrat	725
All Others		0
Blanks		72
TOTAL VOTES CAST		2271

SHERIFF (Essex County)

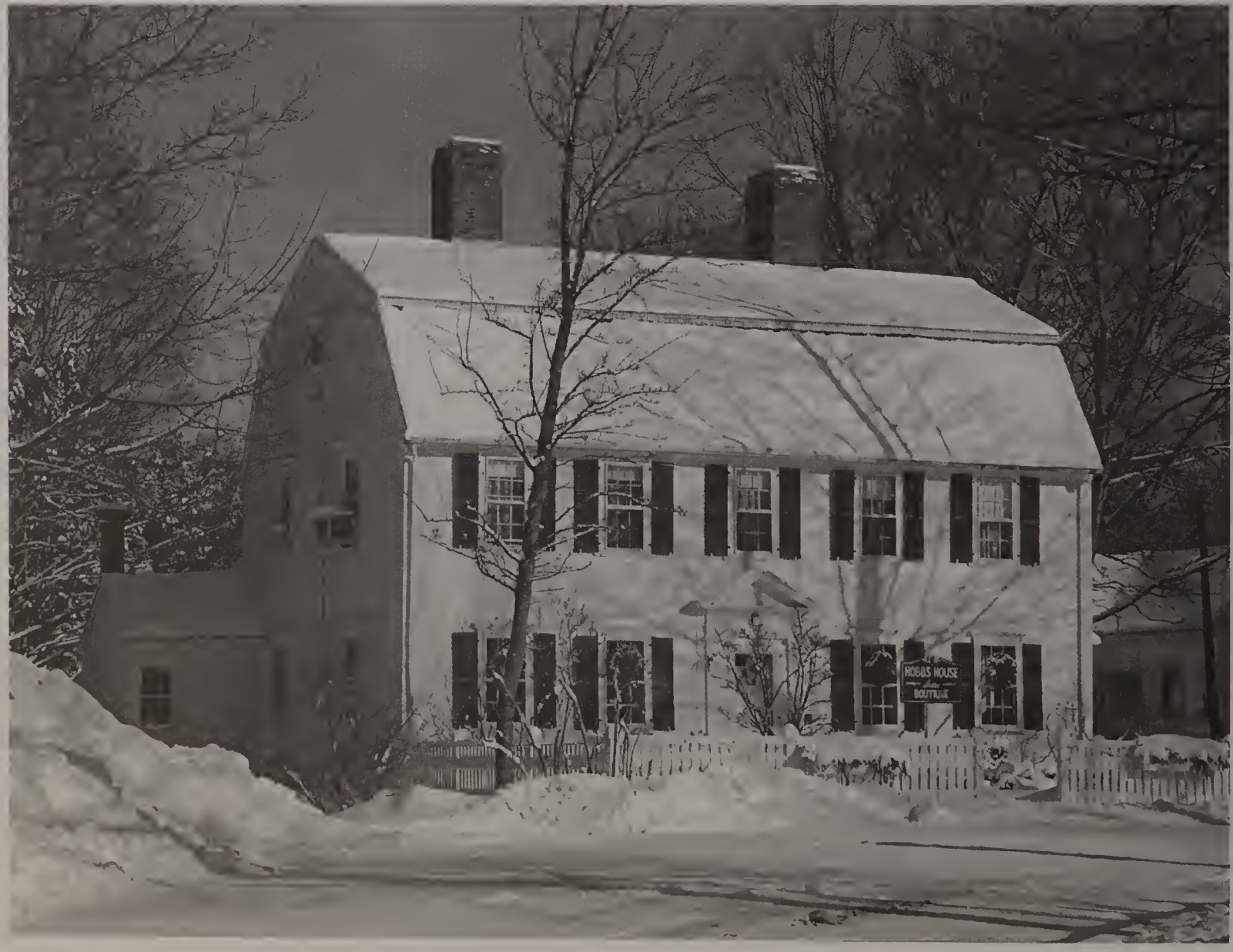
Frank G. Cousins, Jr.	Republican	1551
William F. Murley	Democrat	567
All Others		0
Blanks		153
TOTAL VOTES CAST		2271

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

FRANCES HARTE YOUNG
Wenham Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 30, 2004

Eastern Bank - Money Market	*$972,807.96*
Eastern Bank - Money Market	*$330,653.81*
Eastern Bank - Vendor Account	*$0.00*
Eastern Bank - Payroll Account	*$0.00*
Eastern Bank - Payroll Tax Account	*$0.00*
Fleet Bank - Town Investment Account	*$1,000,049.08*
Eastern Bank - Trust Fund Investment Account	*$823,552.70*
Fleet Bank - Housing Partnership Investment Account	*$164,504.57*
Fleet Bank - Hamilton Shopping Contingency Fund	*$25,461.25*
Eastern Bank - 40 Maple Contingency Fund	*$6,378.28*
Eastern Bank - Burley St Contingency Fund	*$2,067.21*
Eastern Bank - Joint Library Money Market	*$0.00*
Eastern Bank Joint Library Grant Account	*$0.00*
Total Bank Balance as of June 30, 2004	***$3,325,474.86***



Hobbs House

TOWN OF WENHAM
TRUST FUND REPORT
JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

NAME OF FUND	ORIGINAL ENDOWMENT	BALANCE 7/1/2003	INTEREST EARNED	OTHER INCOME	EXPENDED	BALANCE 6/30/2004
Cemetery Flower Funds						
Abbott Fund	200.00	210.54	2.58			213.12
George Badger Fund	100.00	105.27	1.29			106.56
Batchelder Fund	400.00	458.50	5.60			464.10
Becker Fund	1,000.00	1,119.26	13.68			1,132.94
Lloyd Brooks Fund	200.00	248.12	3.03			251.15
John D. Cannon Fund	175.00	184.22	2.25			186.47
Frank Corning Fund	200.00	210.54	2.57			213.11
D'Ambrosio Fund	200.00	267.03	3.26			270.29
Elizabeth Dodge Fund	200.00	210.54	2.57			213.11
Philip Ellwood Dodge Fund	200.00	210.54	2.58			213.12
Margaret R. Dudley Fund	200.00	210.53	2.58			213.11
Almont & Eleanor Elwell Fund	200.00	205.94	2.52			208.46
A & E Cosh Fund	500.00	581.96	7.12			589.08
Dorothy Pulsifier Fund	500.00	564.19	6.90			571.09
Mercy Featherstone Fund	425.00	464.85	5.68			470.53
Goodridge & Larabee Fund	200.00	210.54	2.57			213.11
Earle E. Johnson Fund	200.00	210.54	2.57			213.11
Col. Henry F. Kent Fund	200.00	210.53	2.58			213.11
George Kilham Fund	200.00	210.57	2.57			213.14
William E. Ludden Fund	200.00	254.40	3.11			257.51
Walter C. Ober Fund	400.00	480.24	5.87			486.11
Lena Peck Fund	225.00	273.50	3.34			276.84
A & M Perkins Fund	200.00	231.95	2.84			234.79
Edward A. Perkins Fund	200.00	283.61	3.47			287.08
Ruth D. Perkins Fund	500.00	732.78	8.96			741.74
John H. Rice Fund	100.00	110.92	1.36			112.28
Ralph M. Smith Fund	200.00	252.28	3.08			255.36
Elbridge Stanley Fund	200.00	210.54	2.57			213.11
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	200.00	262.41	3.21			265.62
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		180,610.68	2,207.82	400.00		183,218.50
Conservation Fund	0.00	40,435.40	3,983.32		1,900.00	42,518.72
General Cemetery Funds						
David O. Allen Fund	475.00	1,243.08	15.26			1,258.34
Hattie L. Batchelder Fund	596.68	1,311.56	16.09			1,327.65
JH & ML Perkins Fund	1,000.00	1,790.10	21.95			1,812.05
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	1,000.00	1,720.48	21.09			1,741.57
General Charity Funds						
John K. Dodge Fund	500.00	2,207.13	26.27		500.00	1,733.40
Mary E. Perkins Fund	3,000.00	4,778.99	57.22		700.00	4,136.21
Ralph M. Smith Fund	34,000.00	35,940.25	438.39		600.00	35,778.64
Elizabeth P. Tilton Fund	3,000.00	4,431.10	53.70		400.00	4,084.80
Benjamin F. Young Fund	1,620.00	3,393.73	41.01		300.00	3,134.74
Library Memorial Funds						
Louise E. Brown Fund	66,108.65	78,447.25	958.95			79,406.20
Charles W.& Marjorie Davis Fund	4,780.00	5,232.42	63.96			5,296.38
Judson W. Dodge Fund	500.00	1,285.54	15.72			1,301.26
Edwin P. Hawkins Fund	100.00	407.30	4.98			412.28
Nielson Fund	3,000.00	5,525.80	67.55			5,593.35
Rae Scott Memorial Trust	12,000.00	12,287.97	150.21			12,438.18
Stabilization Fund	0.00	396,717.12	4,849.54			401,566.66
TOTALS	**139,605.33**	**786,952.74**	**13,105.34**	**400.00**	**4,400.00**	**796,058.08**
Treasurer Balance	**796,058.08**					
Accountants Balance	**796,058.08**					
DIFFERENCE	0.00					

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2004

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Wenham, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As more fully described in Note1, the Town has reported its water activities as an enterprise fund beginning in fiscal year 2004. The net assets of governmental activities and governmental fund statements have been restated to reflect the transfer of water activities to the enterprise fund.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 12, 2004, on our consideration of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, and schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – general fund and water special revenue fund – budgetary basis, located after the notes to the basic financial statements, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Powers & Sullivan

August 12, 2004

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements comprise of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets.* Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows.* Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities)* from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities).* The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, pension benefits, property and liability insurance, employee benefits, interest and state and county charges. The Town's business-type activities related to the water activities.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows of spendable resources,* as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities.*

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedules has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town maintains one proprietary fund to account for its water activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for propriety funds. The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

	Governmental Activities	
	FY04	FY03
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 3,956,358	$ 4,168,341
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	200,862	175,803
Capital assets	4,514,836	4,817,971
Total assets	**8,672,056**	**9,162,115**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	209,217	284,049
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	169,000	44,300
Current debt	247,000	125,000
Noncurrent debt	1,650,000	1,775,000
Total liabilities	**2,275,217**	**2,184,049**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	2,617,836	2,425,151
Restricted	735,232	1,018,045
Unrestricted	3,043,771	3,267,598
Total net assets	**6,396,839**	**6,978,066**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	867,753	930,455
Operating grants and contributions	203,406	241,241
Capital grants and contributions	42,044	399,511
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes	7,953,518	7,523,300
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	522,090	556,638
Nonrestricted grants	431,808	476,069
Unrestricted investment income	29,602	35,725
Other revenues	32,249	49,991
Total revenues	**10,082,470**	**10,212,930**
Expenses:		
General Government	672,623	656,158
Public Safety	1,781,827	1,749,185
Education	4,869,959	4,560,142
Public Works	1,096,217	997,281
Human Services	37,493	33,622
Culture and Recreation	928,721	931,090
Pension benefits	285,432	297,424
Property and liability insurance	90,089	75,179
Employee benefits	354,807	356,060
Interest	83,243	89,558
State and county charges	110,486	112,015
Total expenses	**10,310,897**	**9,883,945**
Change in net assets	**$ (228,427)**	**$ 328,985**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Assets exceeded liabilities by $6,396,839 at the close of FY2004.

Net assets of $2,617,836 (41%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the net assets $735,232 (11%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets* $3,043,771 (48%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets.

The governmental activities net assets decreased by ($228,427) during the current fiscal year which is reflects the Town's objective to maintain its financial position and to raise sufficient revenues to cover its current expenses.

Business-type Activities. The business type activities net assets decreased by ($7,404) during the current fiscal year which reflects the town intention to recover 100% of its costs of operations.

The following table identifies key elements of the enterprise operations:

	Business Type Activities	
	FY04	FY03
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 274,309	$ 254,181
Capital assets	1,302,375	1,074,452
Total assets	**1,576,684**	**1,328,633**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	74,641	11,458
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	15,000	9,700
Current debt	75,000	75,000
Noncurrent debt	1,150,000	1,225,000
Total liabilities	**1,314,641**	**1,321,158**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	77,375	267,272
Unrestricted	199,668	17,175
Total net assets	**277,043**	**284,447**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	348,322	343,853
Expenses:		
Public Works	297,891	231,443
Interest	57,835	60,872
Total expenses	**355,726**	**292,315**
Change in net assets	$ (7,404)	$ 51,538

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $3,078,805, a decrease of ($235,579) from the prior year. The General Fund's results of operation resulted in a ($77,352) decrease in fund balance while the Nonmajor funds had a decrease of ($158,047).

The General Fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was $870,246, while total fund balance was $1,647,795. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 9% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 17% of that same amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town has adopted a budget for the General Fund. There was no significant change made to the original budget to arrive at the final budget. An operating net surplus of $38,468 was achieved for the fiscal year when compared to the budgeted amounts.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Outstanding long-term debt of governmental activities, as of June 30, 2004, totaled $1,775,000, of which $1,085,000 is related to construction of the joint library, $290,000 is related to a lease buyback, $185,000 for a fire truck, $215,000 for the new Town Hall/Police Station. The Town had $122,000 in bond anticipation notes outstanding at year-end.

The Water Enterprise Fund has $1,225,000 of long-term debt outstanding at year end.

The Town has elected to delay recording general infrastructure assets acquired before June 30, 2002 as allowed by GASB #34. The historical depreciated cost of these assets has not been compiled.

Please refer to the Notes for further discussion of the debt activity.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Town Accountant.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2004

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and short-term investments	$ 3,173,877	$ 151,997	$ 3,325,874
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	97,224	-	97,224
Tax liens	29,258	-	29,258
Motor vehicle excise taxes	56,517	-	56,517
Water fees	-	122,312	122,312
Departmental and other	2,786	-	2,786
Intergovernmental	179,707	-	179,707
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	252,989
Investment in joint venture	164,000	-	164,000
NONCURRENT:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate tax deferrals	200,862	-	200,862
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	4,514,836	1,302,375	5,817,211
TOTAL ASSETS	8,672,056	1,576,684	10,248,740
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable	99,986	53,873	153,859
Accrued payroll	37,855	1,177	39,032
Tax refunds payable	32,000	-	32,000
Accrued interest	6,556	4,591	11,147
Other liabilities	32,820	-	32,820
Bonds and notes payable	247,000	75,000	322,000
NONCURRENT:			
Compensated absences	169,000	15,000	184,000
Bonds and notes payable	1,650,000	1,150,000	2,800,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,275,217	1,299,641	3,574,858
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,617,836	77,375	2,695,211
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable	75,957	-	75,957
Nonexpendable	282,954	-	282,954
Other purposes	376,321	-	376,321
Unrestricted	3,043,771	199,668	3,243,439
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$ 6,396,839	$ 277,043	$ 6,673,882

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 672,623	$ 171,998	$ 11,370	$ -	$ (489,255)
Public safety	1,781,827	216,765	57,824	-	(1,507,238)
Education	4,869,959	-	-	-	(4,869,959)
Public works	1,096,217	6,896	-	16,393	(1,072,928)
Human services	37,493	10,135	7,485	-	(19,873)
Culture and recreation	928,721	461,959	93,727	25,651	(347,384)
Pension benefits	285,432	-	33,000	-	(252,432)
Property and liability insurance	90,089	-	-	-	(90,089)
Employee benefits	354,807	-	-	-	(354,807)
Interest	83,243	-	-	-	(83,243)
State and county charges	110,486	-	-	-	(110,486)
Total Governmental Activities	10,396,425	867,753	203,406	42,044	**(9,283,222)**
Business-Type Activities:					
Water	355,726	348,322	-	-	**(7,404)**
Total Primary Government	$ 10,752,151	$ 1,216,075	$ 203,406	$ 42,044	$ **(9,290,626)**

See notes to basic financial statements.

(Continued)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	$ (9,283,222)	$ (7,404)	$ (9,290,626)
General revenues:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	7,953,518	-	7,953,518
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	522,090	-	522,090
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	431,808	-	431,808
Unrestricted investment income.....	29,602	-	29,602
Miscellaneous.....	32,249	-	32,249
Total general revenues and transfers.....	8,969,267	-	8,969,267
Change in net assets.....	(313,955)	(7,404)	(321,359)
Net Assets:			
Beginning of year (as restated).....	6,710,794	284,447	6,995,241
End of year.....	$ 6,396,839	$ 277,043	$ 6,673,882

(Concluded)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2004

ASSETS	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and short-term investments	$ 1,552,014	$ 1,621,863	$ 3,173,877
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	97,224	-	97,224
Real estate tax deferrals	200,862	-	200,862
Tax liens	29,258	-	29,258
Motor vehicle excise taxes	56,517	-	56,517
Departmental and other	2,786	-	2,786
Intergovernmental	-	179,707	179,707
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	252,989
Investment in joint venture	164,000	-	164,000
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,355,650	$ 1,801,570	$ 4,157,220
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES:			
Warrants payable	$ 62,973	$ 37,013	$ 99,986
Accrued payroll	37,855	-	37,855
Tax refunds payable	32,000	-	32,000
Other liabilities	980	31,840	32,820
Deferred revenues	574,047	179,707	753,754
Notes payable	-	122,000	122,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	707,855	370,560	1,078,415
FUND BALANCES:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	80,371	-	80,371
Perpetual permanent funds	-	282,954	282,954
Unreserved:			
Designated for investment in joint venture	164,000	-	164,000
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	533,178	-	533,178
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	870,246	-	870,246
Special revenue funds	-	959,494	959,494
Capital projects funds	-	112,605	112,605
Permanent funds	-	75,957	75,957
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,647,795	1,431,010	3,078,805
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,355,650	$ 1,801,570	$ 4,157,220

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Total governmental fund balances		$ 3,078,805
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		4,514,836
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds		753,754
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due		(6,556)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		
Bonds and notes payable	(1,775,000)	
Compensated absences	(169,000)	
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities		(1,944,000)
Net assets of governmental activities		$ 6,396,839

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 7,900,652	$ -	$ 7,900,652
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	514,282	-	514,282
Intergovernmental	957,803	177,596	1,135,399
Departmental and other	331,085	99,848	430,933
Investment income	18,688	10,914	29,602
TOTAL REVENUES	9,722,510	387,527	10,110,037
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government	644,058	122,084	766,142
Public safety	1,483,427	131,109	1,614,536
Education	4,869,959	-	4,869,959
Public works	1,033,396	124,330	1,157,726
Human services	32,569	4,924	37,493
Culture and recreation	601,627	163,127	764,754
Pension benefits	285,432	-	285,432
Property and liability insurance	90,089	-	90,089
Employee benefits	354,807	-	354,807
State and county charges	110,486	-	110,486
Capital outlay	85,528	-	85,528
Debt service:			
Principal	125,000	-	125,000
Interest	83,664	-	83,664
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,800,042	545,574	10,345,616
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(77,532)	(158,047)	(235,579)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR (AS RESTATED)	1,725,327	1,589,057	3,314,384
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,647,795	$ 1,431,010	$ 3,078,805

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ (235,579)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	266,411	
Depreciation expense	(317,641)	
Net effect of reporting capital assets		(51,230)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue		(27,567)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
Debt service principal payments		125,000
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Net change in compensated absences accrual	(125,000)	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt	421	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities and amortizing deferred losses		(124,579)
Change in net assets of governmental activities		$ (313,955)

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2004

		Water Enterprise Fund
ASSETS		
CURRENT:		
Cash and short-term investments	$	151,997
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Water fees		122,312
Total current assets		274,309
NONCURRENT:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		1,302,375
TOTAL ASSETS		1,576,684
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT:		
Warrants payable		53,873
Accrued payroll		1,177
Accrued interest		4,591
Bonds and notes payable		75,000
Total current liabilities		134,641
NONCURRENT:		
Compensated absences		15,000
Bonds and notes payable		1,150,000
Total noncurrent liabilities		1,165,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,299,641
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		77,375
Unrestricted		199,668
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$	277,043

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

		Water Enterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Charges for services	$	344,414
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Cost of services and administration		263,651
Depreciation		34,240
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		297,891
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		46,523
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Interest expense		(57,835)
Other revenues		3,908
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET		(53,927)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS		(7,404)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR (AS RESTATED)		284,447
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$	277,043

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

		Water Enterprise Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers and users	$	356,832
Payments to vendors		59,208
Payments to employees		(269,426)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		146,614
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Other revenues		3,908
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Principal payments on bonds and notes		(75,000)
Interest expense		(58,085)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(133,085)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS		17,437
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		134,560
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AT END OF YEAR	$	151,997
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating income (loss)	$	46,523
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation		34,240
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Water fee receivable		12,418
Warrants payable		44,208
Accrued payroll		(5,775)
Accrued compensated absences		15,000
Total adjustments		100,091
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$	146,614

See notes to basic financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen and an appointed Town Administrator.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. The Town has no Component Units that require inclusion in these general purpose financial statements.

The Town is a member of the North East Solid Waste Committee (NESWC), a joint venture with 23 communities, organized to represent its members in all matters related with the solid waste disposal at a regional waste-to-energy facility located in North Andover, Massachusetts. This agreement and related joint venture will expire in September 2005. In accordance with a depository agreement, NESWC was granted control over various funds received from the contract communities. As of June 30, 2004, the Town's equity interest in the operation of NESWC totaled approximately $164,000, which is recorded in the General Fund. At the end of the agreement all funds held by NESWC will be distributed back to the Town. Complete financial statements for NESWC can be obtained directly from their administrative office located at 3 Burlington Woods, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

The Town has an agreement with the Town of Hamilton to operate a Joint Public Library under the direction of a Joint Board of Library Trustees. The Town is the administrator for all matters associated with the management of the Joint Public Library. All revenues and expenditures related to the operation of the Joint Public Library are accounted for in the Town's General Fund. Reimbursements from the Town of Hamilton for their apportioned share of expenditures are recorded as intergovernmental revenue. In fiscal year 2004 operating expenses were approximately $635,000 of which the Town's share was approximately $178,000 and Hamilton's share was approximately $457,000 and reported as intergovernmental revenue.

The Town is a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District that provides educational services to both communities. This joint venture assesses each community its share of operating and debt service costs based on student population and other factors. In fiscal year 2004 Wenham's share of the operating expense was $4,491,832 and its share of the debt service expense was $314,147. There is no equity interest reported in these financial statements. Complete audited financial statements can be obtained directly from the District's administrative office located at 5 School Street, Wenham, MA 01984.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. *Governmental activities*, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The GASB requires separate financial statements be provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental or enterprise fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Internal service funds and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

Real estate and personal property tax revenues are considered available if they are collected within 60 days after fiscal year-end. Investment income is susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and tax revenues become measurable and available when the cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The following major governmental fund is reported:

The *general fund* is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The nonmajor governmental funds consist of other special revenue, capital projects and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *nonmajor governmental funds* column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The s*pecial revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

The c*apital projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Enterprise and Trust Funds).

The *permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the

proprietary funds principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The Town has presented the water activity as an *water enterprise fund* for the first time in FY2004. All assets, liabilities and net assets related to this operation has been restated by reducing the net assets of the governmental activities as of June 30, 2003.

Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

For the government-wide financial statements all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or prior to November 30, 1989, are applied, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are carried at fair value.

E. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

Real estate tax liens are processed after the close of the valuation year on delinquent properties and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectibles is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by $25 per $1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Water User Fees

User fees are levied monthly based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Unbilled user fees are estimated at year-end and are recorded as revenue in the current period. Water liens are processed after year end and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill.

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

F. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Such inventories are not material in total to the

G. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activity column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements do not include construction period interest.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of $5,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

Capital assets (excluding land) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

Capital Asset Type	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Land improvements	10-40
Buildings	40
Machinery and equipment	5-50
Infrastructure	10-60

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund in the fiscal year of the purchase.

H. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

I. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transfers between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets.

Fund Financial Statements

Operating transfers between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

J. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents receivables that do not meet the available criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

K. Net Assets and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Assets)

Net assets are reported as restricted when amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use.

Net assets have been "restricted for" the following:

"Permanent funds - expendable" represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.

"Permanent funds - nonexpendable" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

"Other specific purposes" represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Fund balances are reserved for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Fund balances have been "reserved for" the following:

"Encumbrances and continuing appropriations" represents amounts obligated under purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures that are being carried over to the ensuing fiscal year.

"Perpetual permanent funds" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

Fund balances have been "designated for" the following:

"Subsequent year's expenditures" represents amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 2003 operating budget.

"Investment in joint venture" represents the Town's equity interest in the operation of a joint venture.

L. Long-term debt

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net assets. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

M. Investment Income

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

N. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on collective bargaining agreements, state laws and executive policies.

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities.

O. Post Retirement Benefits

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Town provides health insurance coverage for retired employees and their survivors. The Town recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums in the General Fund in the fiscal year paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, this expenditure totaled approximately $48,000. There were approximately 25 participants eligible to receive benefits at June 30, 2004.

P. Use of Estimates

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

Q. Total Column

Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Town maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds, except the Trust Funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash and Short-Term Investments". The deposits and investments of the Trust Funds are held separately from those of other Town funds.

At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits totaled $3,325,875 and the bank balance totaled $3,436,050. Of the bank balance, $200,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, $2,145,361 was covered by the Depository Insurance Fund and $1,090,689 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market accounts, bank deposits and the State Treasurer's investment pool. In addition, there are various restrictions limiting the amount and length of deposits and investments.

Investments are classified as to collateral risk into the following three categories:

Category 1: Insured or registered, or securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

Category 2: Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category 3: Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty, or its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

The June 30, 2004, carrying value of the Town's deposits and investments consisted of the following:

Checking, savings and NOW accounts	$	2,135,860
Money market deposits		1,190,014
Total carrying amount of cash	$	3,325,874

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2004, receivables for the governmental funds, in the aggregate, including the applicable allowance for uncollectibles, are as follows:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 97,224	$ -	$ 97,224
Real estate tax deferrals	200,862	-	200,862
Tax liens	29,258	-	29,258
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	68,325	(11,808)	56,517
Departmental and other	2,786	-	2,786
Intergovernmental	179,707	-	179,707
Total	$ 578,162	$ (11,808)	$ 566,354

At June 30, 2003, receivables for the water enterprise consist of the following:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Water fees	$ 122,312	$ -	$ 122,312

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 486,681	$ -	$ -	$ 486,681
Construction in progress	217,891	35,394	-	253,285
Total capital assets not being depreciated	704,572	35,394	-	739,966
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	2,864,223	71,500	-	2,935,723
Machinery and equipment	2,811,909	44,626	-	2,856,535
Infrastructure	146,904	114,891	-	261,795
Total capital assets being depreciated	5,823,036	231,017	-	6,054,053
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(451,785)	-	(69,363)	(521,148)
Machinery and equipment	(1,507,309)	-	(243,915)	(1,751,224)
Infrastructure	(2,448)	-	(4,363)	(6,811)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,961,542)	-	(317,641)	(2,279,183)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	3,861,494	231,017	(317,641)	3,774,870
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 4,566,066	$ 266,411	$ (317,641)	$ 4,514,836

Business-Type Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 17,361	$ -	$ -	$ 17,361
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	582,945	-	-	582,945
Infrastructure	837,452	-	-	837,452
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,420,397	-	-	1,420,397
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and equipment	(44,190)	-	(18,158)	(62,348)
Infrastructure	(56,953)	-	(16,082)	(73,035)
Total accumulated depreciation	(101,143)	-	(34,240)	(135,383)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,319,254	-	(34,240)	1,285,014
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 1,336,615	$ -	$ (34,240)	$ 1,302,375

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:		
General government	$	9,375
Public safety		82,088
Public works		62,211
Culture and recreation		163,967
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$	317,641
Business-Type Activities:		
Water	$	34,240

The Town has elected to delay recording general infrastructure assets acquired before June 30, 2002 as allowed by GASB #34. The historical depreciated cost of these assets has not been compiled.

NOTE 5 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

The Town is authorized to borrow on a temporary basis to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue or tax anticipation notes (RANS or TANS).
- Capital project costs and other approved expenditures incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANS) or grant anticipation notes (GANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations of the Town and carry maturity dates that are limited by statute. Interest expenditures for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the General Fund.

At June 30, 2004, the Town had the following short-term debt outstanding:

Type	Purpose	Rate (%)	Due Date	Balance at June 30, 2003	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Balance at June 30, 2004
BAN	Town Hall/Police Station	1.88%	06/16/05	$ -	$ 50,500	$ -	$ 50,500
BAN	Joint Public Library	1.88%	06/16/05	-	71,500	-	71,500
				$ -	$ 122,000	$ -	$ 122,000

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

State law permits the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10, to authorize indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of its equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit". In addition, however, a Town may authorize debt in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit".

Details related to the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2004, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Oustanding at June 30, 2003	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2004
Fire Truck.....	4.00 - 6.50	$ 205,000.00	$ -	$ 20,000	$ 185,000
Library.....	4.00 - 5.00	1,155,000.00	-	70,000	1,085,000
Lease Buyback.....	4.00 - 5.00	310,000.00	-	20,000	290,000
Town Hall/Police Station.....	4.00 - 5.00	230,000.00	-	15,000	215,000
Total Governmental Debt....		$ 1,900,000	$ -	$ 125,000	$ 1,775,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental Bonds payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2005.....	$ 125,000	$ 78,661	$ 203,661
2006.....	125,000	73,661	198,661
2007.....	125,000	68,661	193,661
2008.....	125,000	63,659	188,659
2009.....	125,000	58,661	183,661
2010.....	125,000	53,536	178,536
2011.....	125,000	48,286	173,286
2012.....	125,000	42,911	167,911
2013.....	125,000	37,288	162,288
2014.....	125,000	31,539	156,539
2015.....	100,000	25,726	125,726
2016.....	95,000	20,975	115,975
2017.....	85,000	16,415	101,415
2018.....	85,000	12,250	97,250
2019.....	80,000	8,000	88,000
2020.....	80,000	4,000	84,000
Total.....	$ 1,775,000	$ 644,229	$ 2,419,229

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Enterprise Fund

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2003	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2004
Water Tower.....	4.00 - 5.00	$ 1,300,000	$ -	$ 75,000	$ 1,225,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for enterprise fund bonds and notes payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2005.....	$ 75,000	$ 55,085	$ 130,085
2006.....	75,000	52,085	127,085
2007.....	75,000	49,085	124,085
2008.....	75,000	46,085	121,085
2009.....	75,000	43,085	118,085
2010.....	75,000	40,010	115,010
2011.....	75,000	36,860	111,860
2012.....	75,000	33,635	108,635
2013.....	75,000	30,260	105,260
2014.....	75,000	26,810	101,810
2015.....	75,000	23,323	98,323
2016.....	80,000	19,760	99,760
2017.....	80,000	15,920	95,920
2018.....	80,000	12,000	92,000
2019.....	80,000	8,000	88,000
2020.....	80,000	4,000	84,000
Total.....	$ 1,225,000	$ 496,003	$ 1,721,003

The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit. At June 30, 2004, the Town had the following authorized and unissued debt:

Purpose	Amount
Town Hall/Police Station.....	$ 3,700,000
Iron Rail Boiler.....	72,000
Total.....	$ 3,772,000

General Long-Term Liabilities

The Town records its liability for long-term bonds and notes in the Government-wide financial statements. Other general long-term obligations recognized by the Town are its obligations for compensated absence benefits (sick and vacation pay). These liabilities will be liquidated in the future from Governmental Funds.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance June 30, 2003	Bonds and Notes Issued	Bonds and Notes Redeemed	Other Net Increase (Decrease)	Balance June 30, 2004
Governmental Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	$ 1,900,000	$ -	$ (125,000)	$ -	$ 1,775,000
Compensated Absences.....	44,300	-	-	124,700	169,000
Total.....	$ 1,944,300	$ -	$ (125,000)	$ 124,700	$ 1,944,000
Business-Type Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	$ 1,300,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ -	$ 1,225,000
Compensated Absences.....	9,700	-	-	5,300	15,000
Total.....	$ 1,309,700	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ 5,300	$ 1,240,000

NOTE 7 – PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The Town contributes to the Essex Regional Contributory Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Essex Regional Retirement Board. Substantially all employees are members of the System. In the past, there were public school teachers and certain administrators who were members of the Commonwealth's Teachers Retirement System, to which the Town did not contribute. Pension benefits and administrative expenses paid by the Teachers Retirement Board are the legal responsibility of the Commonwealth. The amount of these on-behalf payments totaled approximately $33,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, and, accordingly, are reported in the General Fund as Intergovernmental Revenues and Pension Expenditures.

The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. Cost-of-living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth during those years are borne by the Commonwealth. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Board and are borne by the System. The System issues a publicly available financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission. That report may be obtained by contacting the System located at 491 Maple Street, Danvers, Massachusetts, 01923.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System its share of the system-wide actuarial determined contribution which is apportioned among the employers based on active current payroll. The contributions of plan members and the Town are governed by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Town's contributions to the System for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002 totaled approximately $250,000, $255,000 and $226,230 respectively, which equaled its required contribution for each fiscal year.

Non-contributory Retirement Allowance - The Town pays the entire retirement allowance for certain retirees who are eligible for non-contributory benefits and are not members of the System. The General Fund expenditure for fiscal year 2004 totaled approximately $2,000.

NOTE 8 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. The Town participates in premium-based health care plans for its employees and retirees. The Town participates in a premium-based workers' compensation insurance plan for its employees.

The amount of settlements has not exceeded the coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 – CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various legal actions and claims are pending against the Town. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2004, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position of the Town at June 30, 2004.

NOTE 10 – COMMITMENTS

Under the terms of an agreement with the State Department of Environmental Management and Wheelabrator Inc., the Town is unconditionally obligated to make certain payments for its portion of the costs of using a resource recovery plant based on its projected minimum tonnage of solid waste to be disposed of at the plant until the end of the agreement in September 2005. The cost to the Town under the agreement totaled approximately $126,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The plant facility was financed by the issuance of bonds totaling approximately $197,000,000. In the event of a facility failure, under circumstances in which Wheelabrator Inc., is not required or is unable to pay damages, the Town's indirect share of the bonds, based on the aggregate projected minimum disposal tonnage of all participating communities, would be 0.71% of the total.

The Town is currently in the design phase of a project to renovate Town Hall and to construct a new Police Station. As of June 30, 2004, the Town has expended approximately $308,000 on the project. The project has been funded through the General Fund and a transfer of $244,000 of unexpended funds from the sale of bonds for the Water Department pump storage facility. The Town has authorized $3,700,000 to be borrowed to fund the remainder of the project. During FY04, the Town received bids for the project. When bids were received, it was determined that the project costs would exceed the original $3.7 million appropriation by approximately $977,000. The Selectmen and the Building Committee then went back to a Special Town Meeting, in August, 2003, seeking additional funding for the project based on the bid amount. This request was approved by the Town Meeting but failed at the ballot. The Town has determined that the project cannot be completed for the approved $3.7 Million and has crafted alternate plans which will be voted on at a special town meeting in October.

NOTE 12 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

Future Implementation of GASB Pronouncements

The GASB issued Statement #39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units, an Amendment of GASB Statement #14*, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2004. Management does not expect that this pronouncement will significantly impact the basic financial statements.

Other Future GASB Pronouncements:

The GASB issued Statement #40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an Amendment of GASB Statement #3*, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2005. This pronouncement will only require changes to the note disclosure.

The GASB issued Statement #42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries,* which is required to be implemented in Fiscal 2006. Management does not believe that this pronouncement will significantly impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans,* which is required to be implemented in FY2009. Since there is no legally established separate trust for the postemployment benefit plan this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #44, *Economic Condition Reporting: The Statistical Section,* which is required to be implemented in Fiscal 2006. This new GASB establishes and modifies requirements related to supplementary information presented in a statistical section. The presentation of a statistical section is not required by this pronouncement. This pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #45 *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions,* which is required to be implemented in FY2009. Management believes this pronouncement will require additional disclosure and impact the basic financial statements.

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Municipal Law requires the Town to adopt a balanced budget that is approved by the Finance Committee (Committee). The Committee presents an annual budget to the Open Town Meeting, which includes estimates of revenues and other financing sources and recommendations of expenditures and other financing uses. Town Meeting, which has full authority to amend and/or reject the budget or any individual line item, adopts the expenditure budget by majority vote. Increases or decreases subsequent to the approval of the annual budget require a vote at a Special Town Meeting.

The majority of the Town's appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior fiscal year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current fiscal year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent fiscal year's original budget.

Generally, expenditures may not exceed the legal level of spending authorized for an appropriation account. However, the Town is statutorily required to pay debt service, regardless of whether such amounts are appropriated. Additionally, expenditures for disasters, natural or otherwise, and final judgments may exceed the level of spending authorized by majority vote at Town Meeting.

The Town adopts an annual budget for the General Fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original fiscal year 2004 budget for the General Fund includes current year appropriations and other amounts to be raised of approximately $10,183,000and encumbrances and continuing appropriations from prior fiscal years of approximately $94,000.

The Town Accountant has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary control is maintained on an individual line item appropriation account basis. Budgetary control is exercised through the Town's accounting system.

Budgetary - GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Commonwealth)) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting. A reconciliation of budgetary basis to GAAP basis results for the General and Water Special Revenue Funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, is presented below:

		General Fund
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis.....	$	38,468
Basis of accounting differences:		
Increase in revenues due to on-behalf payments.....		33,000
Net change in recording expenditures.....		(116,000)
Increase in expenditures due to on-behalf payments.....		(33,000)
Net change in fund balances - GAAP basis.....	$	(77,532)

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Budgeted Amounts		
	Amounts Carried forward From Prior Year	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ -	$ 7,671,729	$ 7,873,053
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	-	485,398	485,398
Intergovernmental	-	922,540	922,540
Departmental and other	-	348,608	348,608
Investment income	-	24,401	24,401
TOTAL REVENUES	-	9,452,676	9,654,000
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government	17,199	806,943	824,142
Public safety	5,000	1,515,498	1,520,498
Education	-	4,758,071	4,879,615
Public works	16,800	928,001	989,801
Human services	5,848	38,374	79,002
Culture and recreation	42,386	647,744	690,130
Pension benefits	-	252,444	252,444
Property and liability insurance	-	86,473	86,473
Employee benefits	1,947	386,891	388,838
State and county charges	-	109,563	109,563
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service:			
Principal	-	125,000	125,000
Interest	-	156,219	156,219
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	89,180	9,811,221	10,101,725
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(89,180)	(358,545)	(447,725)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(89,180)	(358,545)	(447,725)
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	1,413,327	1,413,327	1,413,327
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	$ 1,324,147	$ 1,054,782	$ 965,602

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance To Final Budget
$ 7,900,652	$ -	$ 27,599
514,282	-	28,884
924,803	-	2,263
331,085	-	(17,523)
18,688	-	(5,713)
9,689,510	-	35,510
644,058	13,379	166,705
1,483,427	210	36,861
4,869,959	-	9,656
917,396	6,900	65,505
32,569	5,848	40,585
601,627	40,206	48,297
252,432	-	12
90,089	-	(3,616)
354,807	13,828	20,203
110,486	-	(923)
85,528		(85,528)
125,000	-	-
83,664	-	72,555
9,651,042	80,371	370,312
38,468	(80,371)	405,822
38,468	(80,371)	405,822
1,413,327	-	-
$ 1,451,795	$ (80,371)	$ 405,822

WENHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of all the members of the Wenham Police Department I offer our 2004 annual report with the goal of providing some useful knowledge of the past, some vision of the future, some of the skills used to afford service and provide for the well-being of the community. I hope you will find this report useful in becoming knowledgeable about our Department and police-related activity in our community.

With my anticipated retirement within the next 2-4 years the Town Administrator and I felt it was time to plan for the future of the Department. This plan is a matrix for a smooth transition from my administration to another.

This proposed transition plan, already in to its second phase, involves the promotion of interim Deputy Chief Kenneth Walsh for an undefined period of time before my retirement and the restructuring of the department. This position is temporary and terminates with my retirement.

In early 2004 the Police Department received two separate complaints from concerned citizens about elderly residents being scammed out of their life savings by people they trusted. Retrospectively these investigations remind us that our elder population is extremely vulnerable to being victimized and need to be vigilantly protected by society and intimately protected by family, friends and neighbors.

In the first case if a suspicious family member had not reported on a hunch, a feeling that something was not right, the swindler could have netted roughly $100,000.00 from the victim. A diligent investigation by Officer Mark Fraser stopped the perpetrator and the court has ordered full restitution.

The case of the second victim involved several citizens reporting to the police their concerns that an elderly resident had been giving large sums of money to a contractor. Rewarding the excellent and diligent work on the first case with more work, Officer Mark Fraser was again assigned to this case. In a short amount of time it was determined that something was not right. Permission was granted by the eighty-eight year old victim to check banking records.

The investigation showed that this person, known to the victim, befriended her and through persuasion convinced the victim that her house was in need of a lot of work, which he could perform for her. During the course of a twelve month period, the suspect was able to bilk the victim out of $37,540.00, in twenty eight different check payments and two cash payments. The suspect also during this time period took antiques from the home in lieu of work performed.

Again in this case, the victim knew the suspect through previous business transactions, was befriended and this friendship and trust was violated to take advantage of the victim.

Hearing about cases such as these should make us realize how vulnerable our elderly friends and family members are to scam artists who prey on the elderly and will attempt to deceive and cheat them out of their life's savings. These two victims were protected by family, friends and neighbors who were apprehensive of the situations and reported to the

police those who would take advantage of the unsuspecting and vulnerable elderly in our society. Be a good neighbor; be a good friend; report what is suspicious or tends to offend.

I have commended Officer David Doyle for excellent police work he did in recovering a golf cart in Wakefield New Hampshire, stolen property belonging to the Wenham Golf Club valued at over $3,000. Additionally, for identifying the person responsible for the theft and following through on several related cases. I thanked him for his dedication throughout this investigation and in particular for the successful conclusion, a consequence of his diligent and tenacious efforts.

In conversation with DPW Director Dan Lynch and Town Administrator Jeff Chelgren, we had discussed the purchase of our own traffic survey equipment. We agreed that it would be convenient to have our own equipment and conduct our own surveys, as the demand seems to be increasing. In May 2004, I discussed with my staff the purchase of our own survey equipment and the use of equipment funds from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau Click-it-or-Ticket grant. Officer Don Woodbury has written the grants over the past several years and has been able to receive the highest level of funding, including $3000 in equipment. We purchased the equipment and have conducted surveys in several problem areas. I commend everyone involved for a real team effort in addressing our traffic problems with a true professional approach.

The Wenham Police Department this also conducted an auto etching and open house under the direction of Officer Jeff Toby and Deputy Chief Ken Walsh. A total of seventy-two cars had their VIN's etched into the glass to deter theft of the vehicle and the owners received a reduction in the comprehensive auto insurance rates for having it done.

Officer Don Woodbury was certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). The program trains law enforcement officers to detect drivers under the influence of illegal drugs, prescription and over-the-counter medications, and inhaled products that impair a driver. A Drug Recognition Expert must successfully complete a course in the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests before beginning the three-phase program of instruction to be certified as a DRE. First Phase: The officer attends a 16-hour school, which includes an overview of the DRE program, instruction on the seven drug categories, and basic drug terminology. Second Phase: The officer completes a 56-hour DRE school program consisting of 30 modules of instruction, an overview of the drug evaluation process; sessions on each drug category; and legal issues, case preparation, and courtroom testimony. This phase requires both classroom instruction and field training, and the officer must pass a written examination before beginning the final training phase. Third Phase: The officer must complete examinations of at least 12 subjects under the supervision of a trained DRE instructor. Of those 12 evaluations, the officer must identify an individual under the influence of at least three of the seven drug categories and obtain a minimum 75% toxicological corroboration rate. The officer must then pass another written examination and a separate skills demonstration examination performed in front of two DRE instructors before he or she becomes certified as a DRE. After certification,

A DRE must maintain an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae and be recertified every two years. During that time period, the DRE is required to conduct four hands-on evaluations and to attend eight hours of in-service training.

Wenham's **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan** (CEMP) states "Should local government resources prove to be inadequate during an emergency, requests for assistance will be made to other local communities and higher levels of government in accordance with mutual aid agreements. Such assistance may take the form of equipment, supplies, personnel, or other available capabilities. All agreements will be entered into by duly authorized officials and will be formalized in writing wherever possible." In response to this mandate the Town has executed "Mutual Aid Agreements" with all of our contiguous communities.

We have also conducted training in **Incident Command System** (ICS) so from the first responding units on the scene a command structure is in place. Their critical task include establishment of communication and control, identify the "kill zone", establish an inner and outer perimeter, set up a command post and staging area and request resources.

Communicating to the public the "nature of the disaster" and the "threat" has always been a problem. Other than door to door notification or bull horn we have no way to communicate during an emergency. For eight years the Hamilton-Wenham Emergency Center has been trying to purchase a Reverse 911 system. With this system a taped message can be phoned to every home in Town in the event of an emergency. This year, Chief Surpitski, Public Safety Director in Ipswich approached us and invited us to join his Dialogic Communication Corporation (DCC) system. Using a portion of a Homeland Security Grant we are adding telephone lines to the Ipswich DCC system and will contribute to the systems maintenance costs. This system will give us the ability to contact every home in a designated area, call a list of essential personnel or notify the entire population of the Town(s) of an emergency situation.

Our short term homeland security goals… and our security needs and priorities are:

- Increasing our ability to communicate with the citizens of the community in an emergency situation through D.C.C. & Public Address Systems).
- Increased and improved training for Town officials and emergency personnel.
- Identification and plans to protect critical infrastructure
- Monitor identified targets to mitigate potential terrorist acts
- Update All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plans (CEM/EOP).
- Update Terrorism Incident Response
- Mutual Aid Agreements.
- Interoperability protocols
- Communications plans.
- Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP)
- Continuity of Government (COG) Plans.
- State and local hazard and risk assessments
- Citizen and family preparedness plans and programs

- Training for local officials on EOPs and Strategic Plans
- Workshops for local government officials

I would like to thank all the employees of the Wenham Police Department for their commitment and dedication and especially our police secretary Susan Hersee.

Once again I would like to thank all of the employees of the Town of Wenham that have assisted the Wenham Police in our efforts to serve the community and its citizens. A special "thank you" to Nichole Hagstrom who invaluably assisted Ken Walsh in getting the Police Department's first web site up and running. The Fire Department, with whom we work closely has been very supportive. The Highway Department always responds to our "issues of safety" and does an outstanding job. I thank the Town Hall personnel, committees and appointed officials whom are supportive, co-operative and work well with our Department regularly. A special "thanks" our dedicated elected officials who generously give of their time and efforts to all of the citizens of the Town and to the Police Department employees. Thank you.

William MacKenzie

Chief of Police

WENHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present the 2004 annual report for the Wenham Fire Department. We have had a successful and progressive year for the department and the town. We now have more than two-thirds of our firefighters trained to at least Firefighter Level II certification of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Our officers, Capt. Stephen Kavanaugh, Lt. Daniel Sullivan, Lt. Jeffrey Baxter, Sr. Firefighter David Raymond, and others have done an outstanding job bringing the department to this level of preparedness.

Wenham Fire Department is fortunate to have Lt. Jeff Baxter as our Fire Prevention Officer. His understanding of the codes and statutes has been of immeasurable value to our customers, the residents of Wenham. He is able to offer guidance and direction for both new and remodeling construction. The activities, inspections, and permits issued by Wenham Fire Department for this year have generated more than $9000 in receipts for the town.

With the help of a new software package we obtained jointly with Hamilton Fire Department, we are in the process of updating all of our site files (residential and commercial addresses). This is a substantial undertaking, but once the data is entered we will be able to track and report on our activities in much greater depth. We will also be able to track and predict the maintenance and/or replacement of our equipment with greater accuracy.

This year, we have made significant improvements to our systems and equipment. These improvements have come via several grant awards, and at no cost to the town. The result is more efficient operation, improved service to the community, and much safer work conditions for our firefighters.

In June we received two more defibrillators under a grant from Massachusetts Department of Health. These two defibrillators were placed in the Center School/Town hall (1st floor) and in Wenham Tea House. This continues to expand our goal to maintain Wenham as a "Heart Safe Community". We now have 13 defibrillators dispersed throughout town. Our firefighters provided training at no cost to the school administration staff, Town Hall employees and WVIS employees.

In September, we applied to the Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club for a grant to equip the new Council-On-Aging van with a defibrillator. Again, our firefighters trained the staff and drivers to use this life saving piece of equipment.

Back in July, we were awarded a Homeland Security grant which has provided the funding for a joint Wenham, Hamilton, and Ipswich emergency telephone notification system. This is more commonly referred to as a "reverse 911" system. While we hope to never need it, we are very pleased to have this capability. It is important for our residents to listen to recorded phone calls before they hang up. This is the method we will use to spread important information to the community, or segments of it, as quickly as possible.

We have also been able to purchase and install a video monitoring system at the Fire / Police Station for the safety of our personnel and visitors. This grant has also allowed us to purchase a portable public address system for emergencies or community events, and a laptop computer with a projection system to be used for training personnel and educating the public.

Late August brought the best of the grant news; we were notified by Senator Kennedy's office that we had won a competitive grant for $48,152. This grant was awarded specifically to upgrade the fire/emergency radio system. It will provide each Wenham firefighter with his own issued portable radio. This is a major step towards improving the safety and effectiveness of our firefighters. These individual radios will also be capable of transmitting an emergency signal and identifying the sender. The grant will also upgrade all of our mobile radios and the systems at the emergency center. Additionally, this grant will add 800 MHZ communication capability to the Emergency Center. This will allow our Fire and Police departments to communicate directly with Federal and State agencies during an incident.

This grant came with the requirement of a 10% match. Wenham Fire Company was able to cover the match amount through the generous donations received at the annual Open House in August.

The total value of services and equipment provided to the Town of Wenham via grants received last year is almost $70,000.

Once again, I make my annual appeal to our community.

"HELP US TO HELP YOU"

If we can not find your house, it will delay the help you need. Please identify your home or business with at least three (3) inch reflective numbers, visible to responders from either direction.

Fully a third of our calls are for medical assistance. The program is defined as follows.

MEDICAL AID PROGRAM

As in past years, medical emergencies in Wenham are serviced by the Fire Department's Medical Aid Program. The Medical Aid Response Team provides initial care prior to transport by Lyons Ambulance Service. As in other situations related to the Fire Department, these "Medical Aid Response Team" members are *call* firefighters; they respond from their homes or work when paged.

To keep current in areas related to the Medical Aid program, training is a major emphasis. Firefighters and police officers continually train and recertify at the First Responder and EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) levels. Automatic defibrillators

(AEDs) continue to become an increasingly important part of the town's medical program. We are fortunate that AEDs are carried in all police cruisers and in several fire apparatus. Fire and police continually train on these pieces of equipment, as well as educate the community about their effectiveness. A defibrillator was recently installed at Wenham Tea House, and their staff was trained in its use. Efforts related to community education remain a priority for the Fire Department. Classes in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) for the community and the schools were offered again this year, certifying participants in CPR for infants, children, and adults.

This year brought a memorable example of putting ongoing training into action. Members of the Fire and Police Departments performed an emergency childbirth at a private home in town. We are proud of the expertise and professionalism demonstrated in this incident, the first delivery since the creation of the town's medical aid program.

The medical program has been supported again this year by the Wenham Fire Company. Through their volunteer hours and fundraising activities, the Company continues to donate equipment for the Medical Aid program. I would like to thank the Wenham Fire Company for its ongoing support. In addition, thanks to the Enon Village Tenants' Association for their generous donation of a training mannequin.

The Department continues to benefit from cooperative working relationships among the Wenham Fire Department (first responders, Emergency Medical Technicians), the Wenham Police Department, the Gordon College emergency response team, the Hamilton -Wenham Emergency Center, and Lyons Ambulance. Special thanks are extended to Greg Hogan, training coordinator of Lyons Ambulance, for his continual support of our training programs. This arrangement has led to effective service delivery for citizens with medical emergencies. Thanks to all of the individuals who have contributed to provide a high level of care.

Robert Blanchard, Deputy Chief
EMS Coordinator

In conclusion, I want to thank all of the employees of Wenham. As an "on-call department", our ability to respond to your needs is especially supported by Wenham Police and Wenham Highway. We appreciate their efforts.

Finally, as I complete my 30th year with Wenham Fire, and 3+ years as your Fire Chief, I want to express my gratitude to our residents. I have looked forward to every day. As Bob mentioned above; we delivered a baby at home this year. What a great way to cap a career!

Calvin M Perkins, Chief
Wenham Fire Department

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD

The dispatchers at the Hamilton-Wenham Communications Center continue to proudly serve the citizens of both towns.

This year we spent a great deal of time planning for the technology updates for the coming year. As we move into the future, console rearrangements will be necessary to accommodate the new 9-1-1 equipment, an 800 MGZ radio, monitoring systems and a community notification system.

The 9-1-1 computers will continue to show caller information and will now give us the ability to locate cell phone callers. Many times, calls come from cell phones and the caller is unsure of his location. The new equipment will pinpoint the origin of the crisis and precious minutes will not be wasted trying to locate the emergency. All PSAPs (public safety answering points) will have installation by the end of 2006. The Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board is overseeing the project and there is no cost to the towns for either equipment or installation, which is valued at over $100,000. Updates to the radio system are scheduled for 2005 and many hours of planning have been invested in this project. Once again, there is no cost to either town as it is being funded through a federal grant. Both Hamilton and Wenham fire departments co-operated on the writing of the grants. Together we are able to accomplish more. After over ten years of trying to get funding for a community notification system, a homeland security grant has made this a reality. The Town of Ipswich bought the system a few years ago and generously offered to allow us to buy into their set-up. In the case of an emergency, residents of Hamilton and Wenham will be notified by a recorded phone message. A strict policy will be in place to assure the usage for only public safety emergencies. There will be a public education program planned for the spring. Part of our commitment to the communities is education. We host school and scout groups to discuss when to call 9-1-1 and what resources are available. Public Safety Day is held in Hamilton each September to allow everyone to tour the communications center and see the police and fire vehicles. Please watch for the date in the fall.

Space continues to be problem for us. Our radio equipment should be in a controlled environment but is housed in an open stairway and the ambulance garage. The main components of the new 9-1-1 system will have to be housed in the janitor's closet, after pipes and walls are removed.

The level of co-operation between all departments in Hamilton and Wenham gets better each year. We try to maintain the best service possible for our towns while under budget constraints.

Anne Marie Cullen
Chief Dispatcher

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is served by nine dedicated employees who provide excellent service to the Town of Wenham. Our responsibilities are extensive and varied. These duties include the maintenance of the cemetery, the town's buildings, parks and grounds, the repair and upkeep of all town vehicles, and the continuous effort to provide safe roadways. Assistance is also given to the water department when the situation warrants.

Fall work included the preparation of all parks for winter. In addition, irrigation lines were cleared; lawns were limed, seeded, and fertilized. The crew also handled the pickup of a bumper crop of leaves throughout the Town. The layout of the new Wenham cemetery located at Iron rail property commenced. It is anticipated that this cemetery will become available in the fall of 2005.

The winter of 2004 arrived with a record-breaking snowfall (30+ inches) on December 6 and 7. Highway Department employees worked in excess of 40 hours to keep roads passable. Snow came early, but the overall snow amounts were average for this winter season. Our primary tasks were to plow snow, clear sidewalks and sand for ice conditions. The Wenham Highway Department applied for Federal Emergency Relief for this storm event and recovered over $24,000 in reimbursement funds from the Federal government.

The spring season included the annual clean up of the town, ball fields, and parks. Once again through the efforts of the Highway Department, the ball fields were ready for opening day. The cemetery and downtown area were cleaned and mowed in preparation for the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Throughout the summer construction season, highway crews excavated and prepped Pleasant Street for sidewalk paving. The Highway Department has added nearly two miles of sidewalk in the last two years. The Department also paved the following roadways: Fairview Avenue, Fiske Road, Patti Lane, Lake Avenue and Great Pond Road. The crew also maintained parks, cemetery and town-owned properties.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel S. Lynch
Director of Public Works

John Pews, General Foreman

Frank Eldridge, Heavy Eq. Operator
Shawn Davis, Driver/Operator
Richard Hicks, Heavy Eq Operator
Robert Veil, Mechanic
Donald Maidment, Heavy Eq. Operator
Lenny Tuneburg, Driver/Operator
William Wildes, Driver/Operator
Ryan Davis, Summer Help

Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee

At an October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting the Town Hall and Police Station Building Project received authorization to increase the project budget by $1,001,000 over the original 2002 appropriation. The newly established budget of $4,435,000 was approved in order to build a revised project design, which involved the removal of the existing town hall and the construction of a new, 2-story building that would house the police department on the first floor and the town hall offices on the second.

The new, approved project design is expected to offer a more efficient building and site design that is anticipated as providing greater efficiencies in the overall construction costs, the operational configuration of the office spaces, the open space layout, and on-site traffic circulation and parking designs. The proposed building architecture attempts to replicate many of the features of the historic town hall building but also incorporates new elements such as a porch over the main entrance to both the town hall and police offices and a 2 bay sally port for the police department.

The Building Committee began immediately working with the project architect, J. Stewart Roberts, on the development of project designs and renderings that would be used to begin the initial permitting process with town boards such as the Historic District Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Health. Design work and related permitting are expected to be completed by late Summer, 2005, and the project put out to bid by early to mid-Fall of the same year. If the project proceeds as expected, construction will take approximately 12-16 months and the building may be ready for occupancy by late Spring or early Summer, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted:

Win Dodge, Chairman
Jeff Chelgren
John Darling
Douglas Hall
Tom Tanous
William MacKenzie
James Purdy
Richard Quinn
Dick Gourdeau
John Clemenzi

WENHAM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Wenham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was formed in 1997 to oversee the planning and development of safe pathways in Wenham, while maintaining the rural character of the town. The first order of business for the newly assembled committee was the creation of a Master Plan. The Master Plan, completed in 1999, was professionally crafted to conciliate engineering requirements and the rural character of our town. It identifies six top priority roads: Maple Street, Topsfield Road, Pleasant Street, Larch Row, Grapevine Road, Walnut Road and Cedar Street. The already existing pathway on Cherry Street has been resurfaced. Maple Street, Topsfield Road and Pleasant Street are complete. Grapevine Road has been completed from Gordon College to Rubbly Road. The DPW plans to complete Grapevine Road during the first half of 2005. Financing permitting, Larch Row will be the next road slated for sidewalks. When our pathways are completed, they will form part of a critical transportation link to our schools, recreation sites and other public facilities throughout Wenham.

The committee organized our last golf tournament for sidewalks at the Myopia Hunt Club. This event, chaired by Wenham resident Sue Evans, is our main fundraiser and we raised approximately $18,000. The committee, with the help of Bill Charman, has been actively fundraising on Grapevine Road. We have raised $24,932.75 during 2004 from many generous families. A special thanks to Mullen Advertising who has also agreed to donate $7500 over a three year period!

Finally, we would like to thank Dan Lynch and the DPW for their constant help with our committee as well as their ceaseless work in clearing our roads and sidewalks of the overwhelming amount of snow we received this year!

Many thanks to everyone who has helped or contributed to the improvement of Wenham roadside paths.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances de Lacvivier, Chairman

Committee Members: Conrad Willeman, Betsy Miller, Susan Quateman, Tisha Charman, Bill Charman, Laura Carrigan, Sue Evans, Moira Riccio, Mary Hull, Lauren Prior, Win Dodge, Selectman Peter Hersee and DPW Supervisor Dan Lynch.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Our major focus during 2004 was the appeal, joined by numerous other municipalities in the area, of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) new proposed requirements for our water usage under the state Water Management Act (WMA). These new constraints would drastically diminish our ability to use water for lawn and garden irrigation, as well as require us to raise our rates substantially. Although water conservation has always been one of our main focuses, we feel that the DEP's proposed WMA permit is not based upon science, and seeks to impose an inflexible "one size fits all" approach to water conservation rather than taking into account the unique circumstances found in Wenham. We spent a tremendous amount of time and resources to try to convince the DEP, The Ipswich River Watershed Association and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that a more reasonable approach is warranted. We are now awaiting a determination from the ALJ.

Our water quality remains excellent and meets or exceeds all existing standards. To help protect our supply and maintain this quality, we have taken a pro-active approach regarding Underground Storage Tanks (UST's). At the 2004 annual town meeting, a new bylaw was passed which will mandate testing of UST's to ensure that they are not leaking and contaminating our water supply. We will be implementing this program during 2005, with financial assistance to help homeowners with the costs involved with these requirements.

We also started a meter replacement program during 2004. Although this program will take several years to complete, we will have the ability to read water meters via a radio signal by just driving by each home. This will greatly enhance the reading and billing procedure resulting in increased efficiency and accuracy.

New construction techniques have been developed which will allow us to replace the Lord's Hill water tank, rather than painting and repairing the existing tank. We will be proposing this new scenario at the 2007 town meeting. Although the initial cost of replacing the tank is greater than just painting and repairing, the new tank will be pre-stressed concrete and not necessitate the ongoing maintenance which the current tank requires. This will result in substantial cost savings in the long term.

As always, we would like to thank the many town officials and residents who help to keep Wenham water among the best around.

Richard K. Quateman, Chairman
Richard M. Carnevale (2006) appointed
Benjamin B. Tymann (2007)

Bruce Blanchard, Superintendent

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

	2003	2004
TOTAL WATER PUMPED	116,605,000 (Permitted withdrawal:	118,136,000 142,350,000)
MAXIMUM DAY	729,000	774,000
AVERAGE GALLONS/PERSON/DAY	72.14	73.57
HARDNESS (Calcium)	163 mg/l	170.5 mg/l
MILES OF WATER MAIN	27.67	27.75
FIRE HYDRANTS	207	209
WATER SERVICES	1,116	1,123
NEW SERVICES ADDED	1	7
METERED WATER SALES	$335,889.17	$390,818.70
OTHER INCOME	$1,170.00	$10,000.54
TOTAL INCOME	$337,059.170	$400,819.24

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For Fiscal 2005 the total value of assessed property in Wenham increased by $52,849,030 from $692,245,572 to $745,094,602. By comparison, the increase in the prior year was only $4,627,287. All but $432,730 of the increase occurred in the "residential" category.

The town again benefited from significant "New Growth" of $9,738,587 which added $112,870 to the Levy Limit.

Unlike the prior year almost every taxpayer experienced a change in their assessment. One thousand seventy one properties increased by an aggregate amount of $58,162,219 resulting in an average increase, excluding New Growth related to new homes and lots of $47,868. Fifty six properties had decreased assessments totaling $6,021,200.

The median, detached, single family Wenham residence is now assessed for $501,800; an increase of $26,000 or 5.5% over last year. The average detached single family Wenham residence is now assessed for $581,983; an increase of $45,298 or 8.4% over last year. The growing gap between the median and average detached single family residence reflects both the higher appreciation of expensive properties (over $1,000,000) and the fact that most new homes built in the past three years have been relatively expensive homes (over $1,000,000).

The tax rate increased 32 cents from $11.59 to $11.91 per thousand of assessed values due to the expenditure increases approved by Wenham voters at the May 1, 2004 Annual Town Meeting, partially off-set by the increase in assessed values. The combined increases in the tax rate and assessed values increased the annual real estate tax bill for the owner of a detached single family median property ($501,800) by $462 or 8.4% from $5,514 to $5,976.

During Fiscal 2004, we received 37 real estate abatement requests of which 23 were fully or partially approved for a total abated assessed value of $2,675,400 and abated tax value of $31,009. We also granted the following real estate tax exemptions;

Statute	Number	Amount
Chapter 59, CL 22 & 22E -Veterans	17	4,425
Chapter 59, CL 37A - Blind	4	1,000
Chapter 59, CL 41A - Tax Deferral	9	30,074
Chapter 59, CL 41C – Senior 65 & Over	16	16,000
Chapter 59, CL 17D - Surviving Spouse	0	0

Three seniors had their real estate tax reduced by a collective $2,250 as a result of their participation in the Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program.

We want to thank John McCrae for his dedicated contribution to our Board over the past 18 months. John recently resigned after moving to Hamilton. We also wish to welcome John's replacement, Sean Condon who was appointed as Assessor on January 4, 2005.

Lastly, we want to thank the Wenham taxpayers for their patience and civility in their interactions with us. The continued substantial increases in property values have put a strain on our small department and Board to accurately and fairly assess Wenham property values. We try to "get it right" but understand that we sometimes make mistakes in our assessments and we are pleased to correct these mistakes when presented with relevant, comparative information.

John O. Wilhelm, Chairman
Sean Condon
Paul Mendonca

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 211 building permits were issued this year, including 7 new residences. The total amount collected in permit fees during the year was $47,111

According to the state building code, a building permit is required for any work in which structural members are altered or where a plumbing and gas or electrical permit is required.

CHARLES BRETT
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

A total of 175 permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $8,570

Plumbing fees are as follows: $50 for new construction (plus $5 per fixture); $30 replacement fixtures (includes 3 fixtures) minimum fee $30.

Gas fees are as follows: $50 for new construction (plus $5 per appliance); minimum fee $30.

WILLIAM THOMAS
Gas & Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A total of 177 electrical permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $31,619.

Permit fees for new construction, additions, and remodeling are $10 for the first $1,000 of estimated building costs as determined by the building inspector and $3 for each additional $1,000.

In order to obtain an electrical permit, the licensed electrician must submit proof of liability insurance, including completed operations coverage, or a signed waiver from the building owner.

ROBERT. B. BROWN, JR.
Electrical Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Wenham Board of Health reviewed and permitted the upgrade of 39 septic systems and 6 new systems during the calendar year. The Board instituted a revised septic pumping format provided by the septic haulers which alerts the property owner of pending septic problems. This new policy will afford the homeowner the opportunity to correct existing problems with a minimal downside risk to the environment. The Board continues to review applications for proposed additions to existing dwellings which are in conflict with the Ground Water Protection Regulations. Building permits for new construction or additional bedrooms within the Ground Water Protection District require additional septic treatment prior to the discharge to the ground.

The Board of Health will enlist the cooperation and guidance from the Conservation Commission and the DPW in the continued effort to abate erosion problems at Pleasant Pond. This past fall the Partners Home Care services provided Flu, Pneumonia, and Tetanus clinics to participants living in the community. The Wenham Board of Health currently takes part in the North Shore & Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition which is funded by the Department of Public Health, CDC, and the Office of Domestic Preparedness. The intent of this coalition is to identify, coordinate, and support emergency preparedness activities between the fifteen member communities.

In January of 2001, the Wenham Board of Health, the Town of Wenham, and the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District formalized a three year agreement whereby the "District" would provide services to the Town. These services consisted of surveillance and response to the type of mosquito found in Wenham. Best management plans (BMPs) were provided by the "District" to address the mosquito population. These BMPs culminated in the clearing and widening of a ditch which runs parallel to RTE 97 and terminates at Burnham Road. The contractual agreement terminated this year.

Dr. Miguel Martinez, Chairman
Gerald Donnellan
Dorothy Maciejowski
John Jacobi, Board of Health Agent

TREE WARDEN

This past year has been more difficult for the trees than other years. I have had to remove more than 100 trees. The White Ash were infected by salt water ash rust and the Sugar Maples were damaged from drought and salt from the roadways. Three back years of drought have also affected all tress throughout the Town.

Mass Electric has been very helpful trimming deal branches from the wires. The sugar maples along Route 1A, a state highway have all been killed due to excessive chemical treatment for snow and ice.

Notices from the State Tree laboratories are warning of winter canker worms and gypsy moths affecting trees in the spring of 2005. I plan on spraying in April, May and June.

A warning from the state lab has been published regarding winter canker worms and gypsy moths affecting trees in the spring. I am planning to spray April, May and June.

Underground construction for wires, water and gas all add more trouble for trees, advance warning by contractors is not good enough.

I plan on planting new trees back from the highways as usual. I will need watering help from property owners for success particularly n the summer months.

I want to thank the Highway crew for their help throughout the year.

A. Winslow Dodge
Tree Warden

PLANNING BOARD

"Well, it's been another quiet week in Lake Wobegon..." and another quiet year for the Planning Board in Wenham, Massachusetts. We've dealt with our usual numbers of ANR's, property swaps, common driveways and association maintenance agreements, etc., but all small scale.

You will have noticed the construction at 34 Main Street (the former Smith property opposite Wenham Lake). The original mansion is being preserved and modernized. The land has been sub-divided and three additional very large houses are being built in the same general design as the original house.

The Board approved a Comprehensive Permit (Chapter 40B) for 70 Burley Street. This proposal had issues involving health, conservation, fire, police, access, maintenance, and safety. Many town boards and departments were involved in this application. This project, when/if built, will give Wenham four more affordable housing units (two more than "break even"), which Wenham needs to make its 10% minimum. There seems to be no activity on this project, for the past ten months.

Danvers has approved a 46 lot sub-division on the "Choate Farm" on Locust Street. Four lots have back land in Wenham.

Charles Chadder has sold his property at 154 Main Street (Winfrey's Fudge) to Maria Lekkokos who will operate a Day Spa at the site. Parking has been created in the rear, residential use for the second floor.

Community Health & Alternative Opportunities Services, Inc., a non-profit organization, has purchased the property at 204 Grapevine Road, and came to the Board for site-plan review.

TerraSearch, representing Sprint PCS, has initiated proceedings to construct a Wireless Telecommunications Facility (100 foot monopole antenna) on the "Wallace Lot" behind the fire station. Appropriate public notices and hearings will take place in 2005.

We welcome a new member, Ernest Stanley Dodge, to the Board. Mr. Dodge brings considerable knowledge and experience in planning and provides another valuable perspective to the Board.

David Geikie, Chairman
Donald Killam
Ernest Stan Dodge
Gretchen Roorbach Wagner
Virginia Rogers

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The report of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Wenham for the year 2004 is submitted herewith. The Board of Zoning Appeals was called upon to act upon six separate matters. Five of the petitions were granted, and one was denied.

The item which occupied the most time of the Board of Zoning Appeals was an application by Burley Street, L.C.C. for a Comprehensive Permit pursuant to the General Laws, Chapter 40B with respect to property located at 70 Burley Street. The Board of Zoning Appeals conducted six extensive hearings during the later part of 2003 and the first six months of 2004. The application sought a Comprehensive Permit to construct 24 two bedroom condominium units on 7.2 acres of land on Burley Street, to be called *The Residences at Old Burley Village*. Six of the units were identified to be "Affordable" within the meaning of Chapter 40B. Representatives from various Town of Wenham Departments and Boards, including the Board of Health, Highway Department, Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, Water Department, Police and Fire Department attended and actively participated in the hearings. In addition, numerous abutters from Wenham and Danvers and other neighbors attended many of the hearings.

During the public hearing process, the Board of Zoning Appeals required assistance from a liaison with the Planning Board on site development and planning issues. Thereafter, a number of informal meetings took place between the Petitioner and one or more members of the Planning Board. These meetings, as well as public hearings and interaction with the Wenham Town Administrator and various Town Departments, resulted in a number of amendments to the Petitioner's original plan. On June 7, 2004, the Board of Zoning Appeals closed the hearings.

As part of its application, the Petitioner requested the waiver of certain By-Laws, regulations, ordinances and policies of the Town of Wenham Zoning By-Law. After extensive hearings, the Board of Zoning Appeals granted the Petitioner a Comprehensive Permit for the *Residences at Old Burley Village*, as shown on the plans submitted to the Board, but subject to detailed conditions set forth in the Board's opinion.

The next petition involved a variance to build a deck within the 15 foot side back requirement at 161 Main Street. The Petitioners' home was sited on an irregularly shaped lot, and was a grandfathered non-conforming structure in that it was within 15 feet of the side lot line. The Petitioners explained that, given the irregular shape of their lot, it was not practicable to site the porch anywhere else on their lot. The Board of Zoning Appeal granted the variance subject to restrictions on the size and location of the deck.

The next petition involved a variance to build a non-conforming addition to the Petitioner's property at 12 Fiske Road. The lot in question was approximately 8,335 square feet, and the Petitioners' home was built approximately 30 years ago. The

Petitioners wished to replace an existing deck with a one story addition which would be within 15 feet of a side lot line. The Petitioners explained that, given the irregular shape of the lot, and the location of their septic tank and driveway, there was no other place on the lot to site the proposed addition. The Board of Zoning Appeal granted the variance, subject to conditions relating to the size and location of the addition.

The next petition involved a request for a variance to build an addition within the 15 foot side set back requirement at 30 Pleasant Street. The Petitioners currently have a one car garage which is sited less than 15 feet from the side lot line. The Petitioners wish to expand the garage to a two story garage, and to build an additional room above the garage. The proposed addition would be within seven feet from the side lot line at one point. The Petitioners explained that, given the irregular shape of their lot, there was no other place they could site the garage on the lot. The Board of Zoning Appeal granted the requested variance subject to conditions upon the size and location of the proposed addition.

The next petition was for an accessory apartment and variances for lot and area size and rear and side yard set back requirements at 6 Dodges Row. This was an unusual case, in that the Petitioners wished to convert to an accessory apartment the detached parish house associated with their principal residence, which was located within a structure formerly used as a church. There was significant opposition from abutters who felt that the use of the former parish house as a living quarter would be an unacceptable intrusion on their privacy. The Board encouraged the Petitioners and the abutters to attempt to work out their differences, but having been advised that they were unable to do so, the Board of Zoning Appeal denied the Petition.

The last item brought before the Board of Zoning Appeal was an application for a variance to add a mudroom and a bathroom at a structure at 36 Bachelder Park, a portion of each of which of which would be constructed in a minimum side yard set back. The Board determined that in light of the unique size, shape and typography of the Petitioners' lot, and in light of the existing non-conforming structure on the property, the variance would be granted.

James Westra, Chairman
Anthony M. Feeherry
Jonathan A. Stringer

Associate Members:
Francis J. McNamara III
Timothy Mansfield

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Your Cemetery Commissioners continue to meet on Monday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Garage, and we always welcome visitors to our meetings. The Town Clerk has the posting.

Our new Cemetery is shaping up with almost all the early pinning of graves having been accomplished. Streets have been laid out and soon this beautiful spot will be ready for use.

Burials in the Main Street Cemetery were 23 with 14 full internments and 10 cremations. We are still selling on a for need basis only and have not opened access to the cemetery off Rubbly Road. As stated last year, we need to name this new cemetery and are open to all suggestions from citizens of Wenham. Please send suggestions!

Our Burial Agent, John Pews, continues to amaze us with his capacity for details and his dedication to all the Cemeteries in the Town of Wenham which number three now with Main Street, the historic Fairfield, and the new one off Rubbly Road. Our Highway Superintendent, Daniel Lynch, always has our appreciation for his backing of our projects.

Again, we owe much to the Wenham Police for their continuing protection of our properties in the three locations. We are indeed grateful and thank the Department for their dedication and support.

Dorothy D. Maciejowski, Chairman
Dana P. Bagnell
Charles A. Brigham

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nearly half of Wenham consists of wetlands. Wetlands act as natural filters that keep our drinking water clean. They also provide critical habitats for the many creatures that make our region such an interesting place to live. The state law that governs activity near wetlands is the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act of 1972. Consistent with this Act, the town of Wenham in 1988 adopted an additional zoning ordinance, the Wenham Water Resources Protection By-law. These laws require a permit for any activities residents may undertake within Wenham's floodplains, water bodies, wetlands, or land adjacent to wetlands. The bylaw stipulates a range of minimum setbacks for different types of work. Briefly summarized, these setbacks are as follows: i) No components of a septic system within 100 ft of a wetland, ii) No construction within 50 ft. of a wetland., iii) No disturbance of any kind within 30 ft. of a wetland.

Wetlands are delineated according to three criteria: The types of trees and plants growing in them, the existence of water in the soil, called hydrology, and the type of soil itself, determined by composition and color. The Commission encourages any resident with a question regarding wetlands or the Water Resources Protection By-Law to contact the Conservation Coordinator, 978-468-5526.

The Conservation Commission exists primarily to help people navigate the permitting process as quickly and efficiently as possible, while assuring protection for the town's natural resources. The Commission is also charged with stewardship of certain parcels of open space in the town. The types of projects we typically review include construction of new homes, additions to an existing home, pond improvements, landscaping, roads and parking lots, swimming pools and septic system repairs. Some of our larger projects this year have included a project to eradicate an invasive plant in the Great Wenham Swamp, a project to create a subdivision of land off Burley Street under Chapter 40B and improvements to town-owned farm land.

In 2004 under the wetlands laws, the Commission granted permits for twenty-six (26) new projects. We visited one hundred (100) sites to monitor construction, confirm wetland boundaries and assisted owners with the permitting process. We amended or extended three (3) permits to accommodate changes in design or scheduling of work. We consulted with a number of other landowners concerning the applicability of wetlands laws to projects they were considering and issued eight (8) determinations of applicability. We issued thirteen (13) Certificates of Compliance for completed projects and responded to several minor violations. One permit was appealed to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection by the applicant.

In addition to our administrative work related to wetlands, we took on the following special projects in 2004:

- Support of the Open Space Plan for the protection and management of conservation and recreation lands in town. Copies of the Open Space and Recreation Plan can be found in the puiblic library.

- Oversight for the Open Space Committee, a subcommittee of the Commission. The mission of the Open Space Committee is to 1) preserve open space in order to maintain the rural, historic and "small town" character of Wenham; 2) educate the community on the benefits of open space; 3) advise the town administration on open space issues; 4) develop a pro-active open space action plan; and 5) update the Open Space and Recreation Plan at the mandated intervals.

- Stewardship of the Reynolds Conservation Farmland. The farm continues to be managed by Peter Gibney of Gibney Gardens in Danvers.

- Continued Commissioner education through attendance at workshops and seminars. The purpose of these is to enhance our ability to perform the many responsibilities of a Conservation Commission.

The Commission encourages all residents to conserve water, minimize the use of fertilizer, weed control and pesticides, compost organic wastes, recycle, dispose of hazardous materials properly, and enjoy the natural resources of Wenham. For guidance or information on any of these issues, please contact the Conservation office.

This year Bill Wagner and Jamie White left the Commission in the middle of their terms and were replaced by Philip Colarusso and Kenneth Whittaker. The other commissioners are Roland Bonnette, Bob Burnett, Leo Maestranzi, Malcolm Reid, and Patrick Wilson. Geralyn Falco served as Conservation Coordinator and Secretary in the Commission's Town Hall Office. Lt. James Foley of the Wenham Police Department was the Conservation Officer. (Both resigned in 2005).

We would like to hear from you. What are your conservation-related concerns and ideas? How can the Commission improve its services? Are there projects which you would like to see the Commission take on? Please call the Conservation office, 468-5526, or any Commissioner at home.

We are fortunate in Wenham to enjoy some of the finest drinking water and natural surroundings in the Commonwealth. Though the requirements of the wetlands bylaw may at times seem onerous, they exist for the protection of *all* Wenham residents. That is something we may each appreciate every time we turn on the tap.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Wilson
Chairman
Wenham Conservation Commission

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

During 2004, the Wenham Historic District Commission issued Certificates of Appropriateness for the following building modifications, new construction, and signs within the Historic District:

1. Removal of an existing skylight and addition of a dormer at 6 Fiske Avenue.
2. Construction of a new fence along the east side of the property at 34 Main Street; replacement of the stucco on the front side of the house at 34 Main Street with wooden shingles; replacement of the existing house's slate roof with asphalt shingles; and construction of a new house on lot 4 of the 34 Main Street property.
3. Replacement of the existing sign at the shop at 77 Main Street with a new sign.
4. Construction of an addition to the rear of the house at 104 Main Street.
5. Replacement of a split-rail fence with an open-panel fence; replacement of the existing exterior steel doors with wooden replacements; extension of the rear shed dormer; and addition of a window to the house at 105 Main Street.
6. Removal of the existing aluminum siding; repair and painting of existing wood clapboards and trim; reconstruction of a porch, construction of a second means of egress; and display of a sign for the business at 154 Main Street.
7. Display of a "sandwich board" and other signage for a business at 162 Main Street.

The Town Hall Project

The resolution of the Town Hall/Police Station project remains an open issue, and the Commission has expressed their concerns with demolition of the 150 year-old structure. The Commission continues to stay in close contact with the Building Committee to identify a solution that meets all parties' needs.

Additional Potential Sources of Concern

The Commission continues to monitor events surrounding the possible construction of a cell tower behind the Fire and Police Station. Although the tower would not be in the Historic District, the Commission is very concerned about its visual impact on the area. The Commission also continues to monitor the possible sale of "the Dodge lot" for housing development, and is very concerned about the visual impact of such development.

Departing & New Members

The Commission regretfully had to say goodbye to several members this year, each of whom devoted countless long hours (and in Harold's case, many years!) of dedicated service to the Historic District and to the Town:

Steve Armington (Architect)
Harold Boothroyd (Alternate Member)
Todd Brainard (Alternate Member)
Jim Howard, Secretary (District Resident)
Elaine Weisman (Real Estate Broker)

The Commission is fortunate to welcome three new members this year, each of whom brings enthusiastic energy to the Commission's work:

Linda Ahearn (Wenham Resident)
David Mehlin (Architect)
Jennifer Tymann (Wenham Resident)

Current Commission Composition

Linda Ahearn (Wenham Resident)
Bill Anderson (District Resident)
Dana Bagnell (District Resident)
Robbie Corcoran, Vice Chairman & Secretary (Wenham Resident)
Al Klebe, Chairman (District Resident)
David Mehlin (Architect)
Jennifer Tymann (Wenham Resident)

IRON RAIL & TOWN OWNED LAND STUDY COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in 2002 to study the many parcels of land that the Town of Wenham had acquired over the years to see if any were suitable for immediate sale. After extensive analysis, the committee reported to the May 2003 Town Meeting that the Iron Rail property on Grapevine Road should be retained by the Town.

Over two dozen additional smaller yet buildable lots were examined, and the committee identified several as suitable for sale when and if the Selectmen deem it appropriate. Thanking the committee for its work, the Selectmen disbanded the committee at the end of 2004.

Harriet P. Davis, Chairman
Bryant Barnard
John Clemenzi
Sandra Belock Phippen
Tara Rand
Thomas Tanous

IRON RAIL COMMISSION

Activities for the Iron Rail Commission were at a minimum level in 2004. Iron Rail Gymnastics, who now manage the gymnasium building, asked that the Town release them from their lease obligations citing high heating fuel costs. The Town, taking the request under advisement, elected to continue the lease agreement until its expiration date in 2006.

As a capital improvement the fire alarm master panel is being moved from its present location in tenant space to a more accessible location in the main lobby.

After numerous meetings with the heating contractor, Jeff Chelgren, and the head of the school maintenance department, it was concluded that a makeup water tank had to be added to the new heating system. This has been done and apparently has solved the problem because the system is now working very well.

New parking lot lighting was installed for the safety of the tenants' clients, and evening activity has increased dramatically.

Firm Up Fast and Provost Personal Training, who sublet areas from Iron Rail Gymnastics, have upgraded their space with painting, carpeting, plumbing, and electrical, etc., at no cost to the town. Rental income for the year including Iron Rail Gymnastics, Galkin Associates, Hamilton-Wenham Youth Soccer Association, and Landmark School, is up from last year to a total of $117,600. After all expenditures including payroll, expenses, and capital costs we expect the net income to the town will be $94,400.

Two tenants have elected to relocate, thereby making space available for lease. In the gym building we have a third floor area of 650 sq ft and in the barn a total of 1905 sq ft, both including heat and electricity. Both areas are ideal for a small business. Anyone who is interested should contact Charles Thibeault at 978-468-2666.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has met with Town officials to discuss a walkway within the bounds of the property. The commission has not yet received any information about the proposed path.

The main building exterior has been painted by Picture Perfect Painting Inc.

The IRC meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the joint library. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Charles Thibeault, Chairman
A.Winslow Dodge
William Hidden
James Perkins
Tara Rand

COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Wenham Council on Aging is to provide and advance programs and services to enrich the lives of older adults in the community. The Wenham Council on Aging is a state mandated council. Council members are volunteers.

Funding for the Council, excluding the senior van service, comes from the Town of Wenham and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the current fiscal year, ending June 2005, the Town will provide the Council with $9,360 and a Grant Fund from the State is $3,740.At present, Wenham has about 800 people who are 60 years and older.

2004 was a great year for the Wenham Council on Aging. Some of the highlights for the year were:

- Senior van service, which began in January 2004, is running at near-capacity, 5 days a week and occasional Saturday service.
- New Outreach Coordinator, Trudy Reid, was hired. She has: begun a senior-discount program in conjunction with many local merchants; increased the frequency of the senior newsletter to 10 issues a year; and initiated several other senior assistance programs.
- Many great trips, including the State House, Tall Ships, Boston Pops
- The annual Wenham Tea House Social had maxed-out attendance
- Coffee socials were held twice a month on Saturday mornings and with great speakers
- Holiday plants were distributed to over 180 seniors over the age of 80

General meetings of the Council, currently, are held in the Recreation Building, the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM. All town residents are welcome to attend.

The Council issues a quarterly newsletter: "Enon Echoes," which is distributed to all Wenham seniors.

In 2005, the Council plans to significantly increase its programs for Wenham seniors.

Council on Aging Board Members:

Jack Hauck, Chair
Sue Bannon, Treasurer
Luci Lynch, Recorder

Barbara Black	Jean Marchant
Gladys Robertson	Merle Welsh
Jane Richardson	Kit Richardson

Associate Council Members:

Nancy Spofford	John Suminsby

An urgent request is made to Wenham residents to become active in supporting the Wenham Council on Aging. Please contact the Outreach Coordinator, Trudy Reid, to learn how you might help this essential organization. The Council office number is 978-468-5529.

Hamilton-Wenham Council on Aging Van Service

The Hamilton-Wenham Council on Aging handicap accessible van has recently completed its first highly successful year of operation. After a relatively slow start in January of 2004, rider ship has literally taken off with impressive usage numbers being reported each month. The seniors that have availed themselves of transportation to Doctor's visits, Beverly Hospital, Lahey Clinic, the bank, the hairdressers, shopping and the like have given the drivers the most positive feedback saying that this invaluable service is a lifeline to them, especially during our long New England winters when driving can be quite difficult.

An indication of the success of the van program is seen by an increased number of days of service from three days a week to five as well as an earlier start time from 10:00A.M. to 9:00A.M. In addition, the van makes monthly Saturday mall trips with volunteer drivers all arranged and organized by the Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club.

The following Mission Statement is deeply rooted in a philosophy common among and shared by the staff at the COA: The purpose of the Hamilton-Wenham Van program is to provide transportation services that will not only enrich the lives of our senior population but allow them to maintain a sense of independence as well.

John Marks
Van Supervisor

Hamilton-Wenham Councils on Aging Van Use, 2004

Months	Units, W	Units, H	People, H	People, W	Wheelchair	Restaurant	Hospital	Doctor	Shopping	Hairdresser	Bank	Other
January	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
February	12	24	12	6	0	0	1	0	11	6	0	0
March	20	48	24	10	1	0	1	6	15	7	5	0
April	38	100	50	19	2	5	10	4	27	10	3	10
May	54	84	42	27	2	2	17	11	28	10	1	0
June	54	152	76	27	3	0	30	25	33	12	0	3
July	60	128	64	30	1	2	4	35	31	20	0	2
August	60	116	58	30	0	2	0	29	35	16	2	4
September	72	108	54	36	0	0	0	31	34	20	0	5
October	84	136	68	42	1	0	0	42	27	20	0	21
November	66	134	67	33	2	0	0	43	28	12	0	17
December	90	128	64	45	3	0	0	56	12	22	4	15
TOTALS	610	1164	581	305	16	11	63	283	281	156	15	77

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wenham Housing Authority with the assistance of the Executive Director is responsible for the administration of Enon Village; the attractive apartment complex for the elderly/disabled on Larch Lane and the two four-bedroom houses for disabled adults also on Larch Lane. The Housing Authority cooperates with both the WSSH Committee and the Accord Food Pantry to ensure that tenants have access to needed social services.

Eighty-nine residents, some of whom have barrier-free apartments, currently occupy the eighty-four units. Our present waiting list consists of 76 people which is another increase over the previous year. There were 7 vacancies in 2004 as compared to 13 vacancies in 2003 and 8 vacancies in 2002. Income eligibility for residency increased in the fall of 2004 to $46,300 and $52,950.

The buildings and grounds at Enon Village are neat and well cared for. Timely maintenance, modernization and painting keep the buildings in good condition. The Fire Panel for the complex was replaced in December of this year and the Housing Authority tenants have continued to utilize the Fire Department's emergency services from time to time.

The Lunch Program administered by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School continues to be successful. The lunches are open to elders from either Hamilton or Wenham and there are a few residents of each town who participate in the program. This year the Council on Aging and the High School cooperated on a Thanksgiving luncheon which was well attended by both Enon Village tenants and others in the two communities. The Tenants have a very active association and are involved in recreational activities as well as fundraising activities such as their Christmas fair. Proceeds from the fair have been used for local scholarships and similar charities.

Another popular activity at Enon Village is gardening; each tenant who desires a plot is assigned one. Additionally, plots are available to seniors in Wenham and Hamilton depending on availability. In the last few years several individuals from Wenham and Hamilton have raised vegetables and flowers along with the tenants here.

One significant new service available to Enon Village Tenants is the Council on Aging Van. After the first few months, we began to see increased use by tenants from Enon Village, it is now regularly used by tenants going to medical appointments or food shopping, or other errands. The Council on Aging has done an excellent job of marketing the service to tenants here at Enon Village.

Once again, we wish to express our appreciation to the Police, Fire and Highway departments for their continued concern and support on behalf of the Enon Village residents. Also, we wish to thank the Wenham Post Office for providing information to our tenants on mail fraud aimed at elders. We'd also like to thank the Wenham Council on Aging and the Wenham Public Library for making life more pleasant at Enon Village. Also, appreciation is given to the Hamilton Wenham Garden Club for their workshops

here. If anyone is interested in visiting the facilities at Larch Lane or if they have any questions, please contact Marian Linden, Executive Director at the Housing Authority at 468-1532 Monday through Thursday.

Marcia Molay, Chair & State Appointee
Marion D' Ambrosio, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Armington, Treasurer
James Stelline, Asst. Treasurer
Phyllis Sullivan, Commissioner

Marian Linden, Exec. Director
Patrick Henry, Maintenance
Dennis Quinn, Maintenance
Marie DiPietrio, Ad. Assistant

WISSH COMMITTEE

THE WENHAM ISSUES OF SOCIAL SERVICE & HOUSING (WISSH) COMMITTEE serves housing and social service needs for Wenham residents, reporting directly to the Town Selectmen. It was established to help individuals in need of temporary financial assistance, for seniors eligible for property tax relief and residents eligible for financial assistance for home repairs. The Committee meets on a monthly basis except for July and August.

In October a Forum was held to discuss how best WISSH could serve families in need and invited pastors from area churches and representatives from Wenham Housing Authority, Council on Aging, H/W Regional School and Acord Food Pantry. It proved to be very effective in helping agency staff understand and identify areas of need and to match possible solutions or people to assist in specific areas.

Programs under the guidance of WISSH are as follows:

Twelve affordable housing units are located at Parsons Hill, near Gordon College. Twelve resident families (four Wenham) now reside in these units. Currently, there are five people on the Lottery waiting list in the event a unit becomes available. Nicole Hagstrom, Coordinator of the lottery, is managing the lottery waiting list for homes presently occupied and future development for Wenham residents.

The Volunteer Real Estate Tax Abatement Work Program: Volunteers who work 110 hours will receive $750.00 in tax credit on their real estate tax bill. Interested seniors should contact Trudy Reid at the Council on Aging At 978-468-5529

The Jim Brady Capital Repairs Fund is to be used for capital home repair expenses. The fund was not utilized this year. Loans up to $15,000, with a low interest rate, are deferred until the sale of the home.

First Time Home Buyer Program: Residents eligible may apply for a second mortgage payment through our association with the North Shore Home Consortium. Interested residents should contact Ann Shaw.

Emergency Financial Assistance: In 2004 seventeen requests for approximately $500.00 each were awarded to Wenham residents. All requests for financial assistance are confidential. Apply to Susan Harnisch, Coordinator, for financial assistance at 978-468-2495 or Ann Shaw (mortgage or home repairs) at 978-468-3393.

Anyone wishing to serve, should contact Town Administrator, Jeff Chelgrin At 978-468-5522.

Committee Members:

Sue Bannon	Donald Luxton
A. Win Dodge	William Mac Kenzie
Susan Harnisch	Calvin Perkins
Jack Hauck	Ann Shaw
Donald Killam	Thomas Tanous

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

This department is charged under Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws with providing services to veterans, their survivors and dependents. Principal workload under state law includes the administration of aid to veterans and dependents. Communities fund this program, which is subsequently 75% reimbursed the following fiscal year by the Commonwealth. This is a need based program and the department is required to conduct periodic comprehensive review of the cases to insure no substantive facts have changed, while working with the veteran to identify alternative or long-term solutions to individual circumstances. During the calendar year no Wenham veterans/widows were on this program. Under state law the department also assists qualified veterans to obtain bonuses, and qualified veterans, widows and parents to obtain state annuities, property tax abatements, and other benefits.

The Veterans' Services program also mandates extensive interaction within the federal community, principally with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents in filing for pensions, service connected injury/illness compensation, dependency indemnity compensation for survivors, VA healthcare enrollment, insurance claims, decedent claims, and many other issues. Federal benefits processed by this department are paid directly to those eligible to receive the assistance or entitlement. In 2004 the VA sent $239,000 to eligible recipients in Wenham, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately $84,000 dollars paid to or saved by those assisted in Wenham.

Additionally, the department interacts within the federal community to correct military records, obtain needed documentation and insure veterans/dependents receive awards and recognition to which entitled. The VSO provided information, advice or assistance to 22 of the town's 178 *identified* veterans and 3 of the 35 *identified* veterans' widows during 2004. We also provide support and information assistance for National Guard and Reserves called up for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. The VSO was also the principal speaker at Wenham's Veterans Day ceremonies this year.

The Director and the Assistant to the Director, Georgia Gadbois, advocate for veterans on issues at the local, state and federal level, interact with elected and appointed officials on issues, and work with local organizations in serving the community. Key state legislation passed in 2004 included an expanded definition of a veteran to include cold war veterans, and special license plates for veterans in receipt of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Federal legislation supported and passed included a significant increase in the Department of Veteran's Affairs budget, and the concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability pay.

The Eastern Essex District is composed of the Towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Rowley, Wenham and West Newbury. A Board of Directors consisting of one selectman (or designee) from each town maintains oversight. Mr. Donald Pickard is the Wenham member of the Board of Directors.

Terrance P. Hart
District Director

THE HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council awarded slightly more than $4,000 in state funds for the year 2005 to local artists and performers in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The ten-member Council strives to select events that will enrich and appeal to all sectors of the community. There were 24 applications for grants this year. Whole or partial funding was given to 11 a sampling of which follows:

❖ Bessie Buker	Museum of Fine Arts (Pass Grant)
❖ HW Public Library	Alexander the Jester
❖ Open Road Theatre	"Robin Hood"
❖ John Root	Senior Citizen Concert
❖ Sundays in Patton Park	Summer Concerts
❖ Tre's (NS Baroque Ensemble)	Concert at Wenham Museum
❖ Michael Tougias	"Night of the Blizzard"
❖ Veterans for Peace	Annual Peace Poetry
❖ Winthrop School	Poetry Alive

Residents of Hamilton and Wenham with an interest in the arts may want to consider applying for a position on the Council. Council members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen. There are positions open on the Board for the coming year.

Joanne Jones and Chris Eaton, Co-Chairpersons

HAMILTON – WENHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents by meeting physical and recreational needs. We promote life-long lesions through play, education and community wide events.

Continuing our commitment to facility improvements, the Board worked with the Cutler School to hot top their playground surface, installed a basketball hoop and new lines at the Buker School playground. We are continuing to work with the High School regarding the renovation to the school's playing fields.

On the program side of our mission, new programs included craft and movement classes for pre-schoolers, rock climbing and a baseball-pitching clinic for youth participants.

Our wish list still includes a skateboard park, however an appropriate location has not been selected by the selectmen.

Many thanks to the Youth Sports Organizations for their continued support in working to help maintain our athletic fields.

Recreation Board Members:
Robert Kerrigan, Chairman
Dennis Curran
Renee LaForce-MacDonald
David Parry
Adam Teal
Lindle Willnow

Recreation Department:
Maggie Whitesell, Director
Diane Brown, Administrative Assistant

HAMILTON-WENHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Fiscal year 2004-2005 has been one of continued success and growth for the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library. Citizens from both communities (as well as many others) have enjoyed the library and its many resources, and it seems to be busy at all times of the day and evening. The public meeting rooms are a real resource to the community and are in constant use. Some of the groups using the meeting rooms have included girl scouts, Ipswich River Watershed Association, Cantaemus, the Wenham Planning Board, the Tolerance Committee, Open Road Theater and The League of Women Voters.

The Library has also seen changes in leadership this year. In October, 2004 Director Jim McShane submitted his resignation. The Trustees hired Shirley Raynard to serve as Interim Director while a search was undertaken. Shirley brought great energy, experience and a sense of humor to the Library, which operated efficiently under her leadership. A search committee comprised of citizens from both Hamilton and Wenham, as well as Jeff Chelgren, Wenham Town Administrator, interviewed a number of candidates. The Trustees, upon the recommendation of the committee, hired Jan Dempsey to serve as the new Director. Jan brings a wealth of experience and energy to the job. We welcome her to the community.

Under all three directors the staff continued to perform at a high level of competence. We are fortunate to have a professional and devoted staff who are always willing to assist with research projects, suggest reading material and encourage use of the library. Despite being stretched to the limit they offered many programs, including a Mardi Gras during school vacation week, a monthly Koffee Klatch, an anime drawing workshop, author lectures and book groups. In the month of January alone, 15,989 items were checked out of the Library.

Several new board members were elected this year. Doris Gallant, who had previously been elected to fill an unexpired term, was elected from Wenham to fill a three year term. She brings her expertise as the former Director of the Wenham Library. Kevin Sperry joined us briefly, having been elected in Hamilton by write-in ballot. Unfortunately his professional commitments necessitated his resignation this winter.

The Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Library have continued to be of great assistance and support to the library and its mission. They have funded countless programs, purchased equipment and furniture and paid for our ever popular museum passes. We are thankful for their enthusiasm and support.

The library's website at www.hwlibrary.org continues to be a very useful resource, providing information about programs, giving access to the data base and enabling citizens to order books online, as well as ask reference questions from the comfort of your own home. A great deal of effort goes into this on a daily basis, and makes the library accessible to nearly everyone. Additionally, a monthly newsletter of library events is published and distributed. A number of talented local artists have shown their

work at the library this year and the Wenham Museum also has a display area in the library.

The trustees appreciate the support of the community and encourage everyone to come in and enjoy the library as often as possible. It's a busy place with lots going on. Come in to read the paper, find a good book or video or participate in one of our many programs!

Wendy Waller Daynes, Chairman
Annette Janes
Elizabeth Stanton
Kevin Sperry
Doris Gallant
Blanche Day

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

MAPC provides technical and professional planning assistance to 101 communities generally within the arc of Route 495. Wenham is one of 15 communities included in the North Shore Subregion, one of eight subregions. Each city or town has one appointed member.

The North Shore Subregion representatives meet about eight times each year, usually in the Danvers Library conference room. The overall Council meets twice annually at various sites around eastern Massachusetts.

One of MAPC's major thrusts of 2004 was in the advocacy of Smart Growth, applying a common set of incentives for communities to "grow smart" if they want funding assistance from the state. The towns must have an active Master Plan, and their subdivision control bylaws must be in compliance with that Master Plan.

MAPC published a comprehensive planning document in January, 2004, "Starting Points for a Regional Vision, Themes from Local Planning Documents." The document compared 11 characteristics of all 15 of the North Shore Task Force member communities. The only Wenham document available for reference was the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The town's Master Plan is still in the process of revision.

MAPC surveys and research disclosed that Wenham housing costs are among the highest in the Commonwealth: between six and eight times household incomes, and the town is among the upper brackets of per capita income. Wenham is moving closer to the state minimum of 10 percent affordable housing, thus promising to make more state funding available.

The Council includes a Legislative Committee which serves as a link with state lawmakers.

Last year, the legislature passed MGL Chapter 40R which provides incentives for towns to promote Smart Growth provisions. It passed into law as part of the FY 2005 budget. Another major ongoing project is "Regional Visioning."

The Council and our local task force have continued to encourage inter-community cooperation on economic and land issues. Task force members regularly report on the progress of planning and development projects in their towns and exchange ideas.

Through the years Wenham citizenry has repeatedly opted for "maintaining the rural quality of the town." Although there continues to be a shortage of affordable housing and commercial/industrial property tax base, it is unlikely that the popular attitude will change in the foreseeable future. The preponderance of wetlands, protected parcels and large estates sharply limit the construction of affordable housing.

One of MAPC's most effective qualities is that it provides a forum for a wide range of governmental agencies and private advocacy groups. These organizations exchange information and provide the planners a diverse outlook on subjects of common interest.

During 2004, representatives of organizations discussed such diverse subjects as protection of local agriculture, windfarm proposals, North Shore coastal planning, commuting studies, "Rails to Trails" hiking trails, land conservation on an urban neighborhood scale, planning assistance for housing development, pre-disaster mitigation plans, homeland security, and historic preservation. The Essex County Forum and the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, Citizen's Housing and Planning Association and other major state planning agencies periodically briefed the task force.

THEODORE R.WADSWORTH,
Wenham Representative

ANNUAL REPORT

HAMILTON-WENHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

TOWN REPORT 2004

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

	TERM EXPIRES
Catherine A. Harrison, Chairman 49 Pleasant Street, Wenham 01984 (468-3359)	2005
Elaine M. Carey, Vice Chairman 8 Arabian Way, Hamilton 01982 (468-8084)	2006
Nancy A. Morse, Treasurer One Appaloosa Lane, Hamilton 01982 (468-5013)	2006
Richard L. Boroff, Asst. Treasurer 40 Moynihan Road, Hamilton 01982 (468-3162)	2005
Denise A. Bisaillon, Secretary 37 Beech Street, Extension, Hamilton 01982 (468-3991)	2007
Lisa S. Gaquin, Asst. Secretary 45 Rock Maple Ave., PO Box 241, Hamilton 01936 (468-3412)	2007
Donald E. Gallant 28 Mayflower Drive, Wenham 01984 (468-2357)	2007
William F. Martin 101 Blueberry Lane, Hamilton 01982 (468-9553)	2005
William T. Patten 33 Berrywood Lane, Hamilton 01982 (468-1770)	2006

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present 2004-2005 Annual Report for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. As you read the school reports, you will note that the strength of our school district is in the quality of our students, our faculty, our support staff, our school leadership, and our two communities.

During the 2004-2005 school year, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) had an enrollment totaling 2205 students with 981 in the elementary grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade five, 511 in the middle school grades six through eight, and 713 in the high school grades nine through twelve. The school district goal is to provide an engaging and comprehensive curriculum that challenges all students and raises their achievement level. Our students must meet not only our own local learning standards, but also the learning standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those of colleges across the country.

To realize the HWRSD goal, teams of teachers and principals work diligently to strengthen the academic program for higher student achievement by embedding all state framework requirements within a strong District curriculum. Through state and federal grants and the generosity of the Hamilton and Wenham Education Fund, teachers availed themselves of quality staff development programs to ensure successful implementation of programs. Through the dedication, commitment, and caring of our teachers and support staff, Hamilton and Wenham students were recognized for their achievements in the academics, arts, athletics, and activities during the 2004-2005 school year. Our elementary students participated in artists in residence program; our middle schools students received awards for their achievements in math team, college bowl, and band competitions as well as the Boston Globe Art Awards; and our high school students received awards at the local and state level in history and science, the New England Drama Festival, Boston Globe Key Art Awards, District band and chorus, Massachusetts All-State Band and Cape Ann League athletic titles including first in football and swimming while the girls' basketball team advancing to the state semi-finals.

The May 2004 MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all four subject areas tested *(see Director of Curriculum's report for detail)*. Every member of the Class of 2005 has passed both the English and math sections of the MCAS which will enable them to graduate in June. In the area of college admission test scores, 84% of HW Regional High School students took the SAT I with an average score of 1118 (Verbal - 561 and Math - 557). Sixty-five students took eighty-three Advanced Placement examinations in Calculus, English Literature, European History and U.S. History, and achieved an average score of 3.9 out of 5.0. The Class of 2004 had 1 finalist, 2 semi-finalists and 9 commended students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

In December 2003, the H-W Regional School District and the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham formed the Hamilton, Wenham and Regional School District Budget Process Committee (BPC). The goals of the BPC are to (1) foster a more open and accessible budget process, (2) recommend budget process changes as needed and (3) develop a communication plan regarding the budgets for the public. I believe that the successful passage of the FY 05 school budget for $20,510,326 and the Proposition 2 ½ Override for $836,730, was due to the

commitment made by the towns and the school district to develop our budgets with much more collaboration that produced a consensus-driven result.

The full funding of the FY 05 budget request and override enabled the District to take a small step forward in balancing our curriculum between the subject-centered and student-centered needs of our students at all three levels. It represented a small step - but a vital one - towards restoring critically important school programs that have had to cut over the past two years. The FY 05 budget included no new programs or non-mandated staff, but it did check further erosion of the educational programs for which our District is recognized and valued. The FY 05 budget has provided better learning opportunities for our students; time for our teachers to collaborate about students and curriculum, and opportunities to forge stronger relationships with families. Specifically, the FY 05 budget partially restored art, music, physical education, library and technology education at the elementary level, partially restored foreign language, art, music, physical education, and technology education at the middle school, and restored sections of math, English, social studies, science, fine arts, health science, and the eight block schedule at the high school.

While this budget balanced the education needs of students with economic realities, the FY 05 budget did not have the full support of all of our constituents -we had many constituents who believed the budget should have been higher so we could restore a greater number of our academic programs. We also had just as many constituents who believed the budget should have been lower so as to ease the tax burden. We believed this budget was a fair, middle-of-the-road budget that had compromises on all sides.

At the June 21st School Committee meeting, the District bid farewell and Godspeed to teachers and support staff at the second annual "We Honor You" reception. Honored retirees included Jean B. Jones (23 years), Carolyn A. Sawyer (21 years), Dr. Kalil S. Boghdan (31 years), Charles H. Clair (23 years) , Nancy W. Rogers (35 years), Stephen C. Sawyer (35 years), Virginia F. Sykes (33 years), Charles D. Vose (34 years), David J. Dorman (18 years) and Carolyn L. Horsman (22 years). The District also honored Lisa Alexander, Gillian Hahn, and Christopher Rice who resigned their administrative positions to pursue other positions in education and the private sector.

No report of this kind would be complete without taking the opportunity to thank the many people who supported our schools this past year. On behalf of the students, faculty, administration, and School Committee, I thank the Friends of Pre-School, Buker, Cutler, Winthrop, Miles River, and High School, Special Education Parent Advisory Board, HW Education Fund, HW Rotary Club, HWRHS Sports and Activities Alliance, Pro Musica II, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and the many generous parents and community members who contributed time and money to support our schools.

I am also grateful to our faculty, staff, principals, assistant principals, and the District Leadership Team for their devotion to the children and youth of Hamilton and Wenham. Finally, we are most appreciative to the townspeople of Hamilton and Wenham and the Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees who have seen us through difficult times and who continue to support our efforts to make the Hamilton-

Wenham Schools the very best we can be. The FY 05 Budget Process personified the values of cooperation and collaboration that embody our communities. As your Superintendent, I thank each and every community member for their support of our students.

In closing, our initiatives continue to advance the coherence and quality of our educational program. There are many goals yet to realize which are dependent upon high levels of budget funding. Our professional staff must have the resources if we are to continue to be competitive with similar school districts in developing, providing, and maintaining a high quality educational program for our students in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional Schools.

Dr. Marinel D. McGrath
Superintendent of Schools

Department of Student Services

Deborah Frontierro, Director

The Special Education Department of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District provides a wide range of programs for students with disabilities, ages 3 to 22. Currently, 332 students in the district (14.7% of the general population) are identified as needing special education services. Special education is a required program for all school districts under both federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Act- IDEA) and state law (chapter 766). Eligibility for Special Education services is determined by a team of teachers, parents and other professionals. It is based upon the presence of a diagnosed disability, the inability to make effective progress in the general curriculum due to the disability, and the need for specially designed instruction or related services. Evaluation teams, comprised of trained professionals, are present in each school in the district. They use the latest diagnostic instruments available to assess students so that teams can develop programs that address the individual students' needs.

The Integrated Preschool serves student from ages 3 to 5. Teachers, teaching assistants, monitors and therapists work together to provide services to students in an integrated model. In this setting, preschoolers learn and play together with their non-disabled peers. As students with disabilities become school age, this inclusive and integrated model continues, with most special education students receiving services within the regular classroom. Professional special educators, trained paraprofessionals and therapists support our classroom teachers in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities, health and sensory disabilities, communication disorders, neurological impairments, cognitive deficits and emotional and behavioral difficulties. The R.E.A.C.H. and A.S.P.I.R.E. programs serve our most disabled students and include academics and life skill instruction both in the school and in the community.

The Special Education Department is evaluated annually on a three-year rotation between elementary, middle school and high school programs. These evaluations are required by law of all public schools as a means of ensuring quality programs for students with disabilities. In addition, the Department of Education conducts a full coordinated Program Review every six years, with a mid-cycle review on one of the years in between. The mid-cycle review for Hamilton-Wenham took place during December 2003. The Department is proud of its' record of service within the district, and realizes that the high quality teaching practices of classroom teachers and the strong district curriculum have set the climate of educational excellence that allow students with disabilities to succeed. The support of the school committee, the superintendent, school administrators, families and townspeople has been essential in meeting the needs of all learners in the district.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Maryellen Duffy, Director

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Hamilton- Wenham Regional School District continues to work with the Leadership Team and the staff to focus the district's curriculum and professional development work around the district's goals.

In spring 2004, a plan for curriculum renewal and revision was developed and approved by the Leadership Team and presented to the School Committee. As a result of this initiative, curriculum and instruction task forces were established in Foreign Language, History/Social Studies, and Physical Education/Health Education. The task force committees developing K-12 curriculum guides. The Professional Development Committee's responsibilities and duties were expanded to include a curriculum focus and was renamed the "Curriculum and Professional Development Committee".

Fortunately, state and federal grants have allowed us to continue offering quality professional development opportunities and support to our teachers. The Hamilton-Wenham School District has been able to offer its staff numerous grant funded professional development opportunities which include, the Skillful Teacher, the Responsive Classroom, Math Trailblazers, Curriculum Mapping, and Guided Reading. The Beginning Teacher Orientation, Induction and Mentoring Program and the curriculum coach positions have also been funded through grants. In addition, staff members are involved in 62 "Special Project" professional development opportunities during the early release Wednesday time period.

During the 2004-2005 school year the Hamilton-Wenham School District was awarded eight state grants (six entitlement and two competitive), one federal competitive grant and one private competitive grant totaling in the aggregate of $345,480. These grants were targeted for MCAS remediation, staff professional development, curriculum support, curriculum development, physical education, health education, early childhood, and drug, alcohol and violence prevention programs. Staff was also involved in professional development opportunities in science, mathematics, engineering and technology through grant supported programs in collaboration with Salem State College and the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all five subject areas tested: reading, English language arts, mathematics, and science and technology/engineering. Our school district is doing very well in the areas of reading (99% passing at grade 3); English (average of 98% passing at grades 4, 7 and 10), mathematics (average 95% passing at grades 4, 6, 8, and 10) and science (96% passing at grades 5 and 8).

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District recognizes that student achievement, curriculum and professional development are interrelated and will continue to pursue and secure opportunities to support these connections.

Bessie Buker Elementary School
Brian F. O'Donoghue, Principal

The Buker School has an enrollment of 251 students this school year. It was a very exciting and productive year as we welcomed our new preschool students in addition to our kindergarten through grade five population. The preschool program had previously operated outside of the Buker School. They are a wonderful addition to our community.

We prepared for a leadership transition as our principal, Gillian Hahn, announced her resignation in January. A committee consisting of Sue Cooke, Martha Cesarz, Linda Mastrianni, Karen Woolf, Martha Brennan, Lee Merrill, George O'Shea, and Frank Cause worked through the spring in search of the next leader of the Buker School. Brian O'Donoghue, a former fifth grade teacher at the Spofford Pond School in Boxford, was hired and began in his new role as the Buker principal in July.

The teachers continued to make learning challenging and exciting for the children of Buker. We completed our second year with the new *Math Trailblazers* program. Guided reading strategies were implemented to meet the appropriate reading levels of all of our students. In addition to these school wide initiatives, teachers and students were busy learning and discovering at each grade level. The kindergarteners spent time learning about the life cycles of birds and frogs. Our first graders were transformed into pharaohs during their Egypt study. In second grade, our students learned to eat healthy and shared lunch in the cafeteria with their parents as a culmination of their nutrition unit. Colonial Day featured our third graders involved in a variety of activities dealing with colonial life. The fourth and fifth grade students demonstrated their creative problem solving skills during our Science Fair.

The Buker School was fortunate once again to receive such strong support from our parent community. The Friends of Buker led by Laney Makin continued to work tirelessly to provide us with a variety of resources that enhanced the learning experience for our students. Friends' funds were used to purchase a mobile cart that contains 20 laptop computers for use in the classrooms. Our cultural enrichment program that featured among other experiences, Hildreth Crill, a poet in residence was also generously funded by the Friends. Our entire school community rallied around the cupola restoration project. Money was raised and parents volunteered to do the work. This was a great example of the strength and commitment that defines the Buker School community.

The Buker School continues to be a great place for children to grow and learn. We look forward to their continued growth as citizens of the world.

Cutler Elementary School

Susan Cooke, Principal

The Cutler School has experienced a positive, productive and challenging year in 2004. Staff, students, and our families worked closely together to enhance the effective learning environment we have created at Cutler.

Cutler's current school population is at 363 students, a similar number of students in comparison to recent years. Staff changes this year included the retirement of Nancy Rogers, first grade teacher, after 34 years of service to the students of Hamilton and Wenham. Julie Rothrock is our new first grade teacher. Anita Evetts has joined us as a second grade teacher and Cerissa Napolitano is our new fourth grade teacher. We have also hired a new physical education teacher, Jessica McCue, who has replaced Jason Cacciputti. Jason now teaches at the high school.

Our Wednesday professional development time has been spent on development in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. We have focused on alignment of our K-5 Language Arts curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. We have also studied the various ways in which we assess students' progress and ways it helps inform our instruction. The elementary teachers have just finished implementation of a new Math curriculum, Math Trailblazers, and are adapting and refining it to meet the academic needs of our students. It is more linked to language arts and science concepts, than our previous math curriculum. We have also implemented many effective instructional strategies from "The Responsive Classroom." These strategies address the students' interest in and capacity to work together in a classroom community. Most of our staff has been trained in designing a classroom environment that encourages collaboration, effective communication and conflict resolution skills.

The Friends of Cutler, led by Tracy Gould and a dedicated board of volunteers, continued to provide monetary, moral and many volunteer hours of support. We were able to purchase new books for the classroom libraries, and laptop computers for the students to use in their classes. The Friends of Cutler also funded many cultural enrichment programs which provided a broader understanding of the sciences and arts for all our students. For example, a new program, "Meet The Masters", was introduced this year to all our students. It is an art history appreciation program led by parent volunteers. Parents have led assemblies and in class workshops in order to encourage students to learn about famous artists, their techniques, and their works. "Meet The Masters" is a tremendous success and is well received by students, parents and staff.

We feel that 2004 was a productive and rewarding year for our students and staff. We invite the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham to visit Cutler. We thank you for your continued interest and support in the youth of Hamilton and Wenham.

Winthrop Elementary School

Martha D. Cesarz, Principal

There are 367 students enrolled at the Winthrop School. The enrollment has remained constant over the last few years. With the community support for the school budget, instructional programs were funded at the elementary level resulting in few staff changes at the Winthrop School. New staff hired this year due to retirements or resignations included Kristen Morgese, grade three teacher, Frank Cirina, Head Custodian, and Bob Bosse, Custodian, Jan Lee, adjustment counselor and Diane Rhatigan, an LPN.

Through the generosity of "Pro Musica", all grade four and five children who wished to participate in chorus did so without a user fee. In the spring, a district-wide elementary committee was formed to develop a new report card. The committee met frequently throughout the summer to study feedback from teachers and parents as well as to study research on assessment. The new report card was piloted to assess children's progress during the year. The Report Card Committee will use feedback from parents and teachers so a final report card can be adopted for full implementation in September, 2005.

All staff development programs offered this year were grant-funded with a large portion of training at elementary level funded by a grant from the Hamilton-Wenham Education Fund. Teachers continued training in the "Responsive Classroom" where they learned a variety of instructional practices to build a stronger sense of community in classrooms and to teach children to be responsible for their actions and learning. Teachers also participated in training through Tufts University to implement guided reading and writing.

Each year, the Friends of Winthrop School support the school with fundraising and by planning family activities. This year they funded a residency program with "Poetry Alive" and a school-wide fieldtrip to the opera to enrich the school theme of "Once Upon A Time at Winthrop School". Debra Brown and Lisa Robinson headed the Friends this year and planned new ways to involve parents in school and to raise money. Tish Rodde, with the help of many parents, organized another successful December Holiday Boutique which is the major fundraiser at the school. A parent, Robin Sears, transformed the school into "A Peaceable Kingdom" with an exquisite mural painted on the school's front windows. The Friends also funded the replacement of the stage curtain and the installation of a new sound system along with cultural arts' programs and enrichment materials. Of particular note this year are the efforts of Charlotte Lidrbauch who formed a "Beautification Committee" to organize a Saturday clean-up that involved planting, pruning, and painting. Their efforts have made a huge difference in the appearance of our school.

Winthrop School teachers are eager, motivated, and responsive. Working with parents makes Winthrop School a very special place where children can be successful in their learning. We know that that this could not happen without the support of the towns of Hamilton and Wenham. Winthrop School thanks the community for its continued support and invites all to visit the school to see what makes it a special place to be.

Miles River Middle School

Janice C. DeSantis, Principal

The 2004 school year began the partial restoration of program reductions and eliminations. A five-year plan was developed to restore our curriculum and instructional programs to the standards our school district upheld in 2001 which positively impact all aspects of middle school life including programming for students, teacher retention, and affirmation that our communities value excellence in education.

Our Technology Education (T.E.) program was partially restored after being eliminated. The previous lack of this program was noted when students could not answer MCAS questions related to Technology Education. The T.E. program is now offered to all students in the middle school.

Our Foreign Language program was also partially restored. Although the French language was eliminated, all middle school students received Spanish instruction. Three classroom sets of new Spanish textbooks and support materials were purchased. Plans to continue the restoration of our foreign language program and the purchasing of additional textbooks have been developed for future budgets.

The eighth grade math program was augmented with the purchase of new math textbooks that replaced 13 year old texts that were not aligned with the Massachusetts math framework. Also, graphing calculators were purchased to strengthen our math instructional strategies.

With only one counselor to service 509 students, our school community was elated to have the restoration of a full-time school psychologist position. The school psychologist offered social skills groups required for students on individual education plans, helped to support students returning from outside placements and completed all the evaluations for special education assessments.

Also, a new position, behavior specialist, was added to our service delivery programs. This position was recommended as a need by outside evaluations for several years. With the implementation of this position, some students in outside placements were able to return to Miles River Middle School for their education. The tuition costs for these outside placements were used to fund this new position. The behavior specialist supports a variety of children who have challenging social and emotional needs.

The Massachusetts Department of Education (D.O.E.) revised the history and social studies curriculum for middle schools. Therefore, our social studies teachers worked during the summer and after school to develop a geography program aligned with the frameworks and to select current instructional materials to support the program implementation for FY 2005.

Lisa Alexander, assistant principal, moved to another school system. Her successor, Christy Hall, joined our school community this fall. Ms. Hall is a doctoral candidate and previously served as an interim assistant principal.

The Miles River Middle School community thanks the citizens of Hamilton-Wenham for their support and invites you to visit our middle school.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Daniel Agocs
Alexander Atwater
Jacqueline Barthelmes
Niles Batchelder
Adrienne Belleau
Dale Bishop
Patrick Blais
Molly Boal
Roland Bradshaw
Rebecca Bridger
Joseph Brislin
Hannah Bromfield
Christina Brown
Mark Buckler
Robert Burnham
Lindsay Camerer
Edward Camuso, Jr.
Matthew Carozzi
Harrison Carr
Rachel Carr
Bryan Cauley
Katharine Chamberlin
Jake Cotter
Samantha Crabb
Adam Crossley
Julia Croyle
Daniel Curran
Kenneth Curran
Elise D'Ambrosio
Lindsay Davis
Michael Davis
Laura DeBlock
Caroline DeFelice
Suzanne DeFelice
Matthew DePiero
Jaclyn DiChiara
Julie Doughty
Thomas Drinkwater
Margaret Druschel
Alicia Duca
Kayleigh Dunn
Paige Durgin
Honora Einhorn
Carley Elder
Tabitha Eldridge
Jenny Esdale
Brittney Evans
Kristen Fales
Rosemary Farrell
Jackson Fields
Julia Fields
Alison Flores
Teri Ford
Timothy Ford
Eden Forman
Lucy Frye
Jonathan Godin
Lindsay Gonsiorowski
Jeffrey Goodrich
Neal Goodwin
Ryan Goodwin
Jordan Grillo
Nina Gross
Crystel Hamel
Marcus Hanna
Ryan Hanna
Nicole Hanson
Chantal Hart
Brian Heitz
Emily Helming
Kelly Hendrickson
John Hession
Molly Horn
Joseph Hoyle
Louis Hughes
Rebecca Jack
Anna Jackson
Joshua Janssen
Alexander Johnson
Stephanie Jones
Trevor Jones
Charlotte Karrlson-Willis
Daniel Katz
Julia Katz
Megan Katz
August Kawski
Kathryn Keegan
Meghan Kelley
Michael Kennedy
Thomas Kinsman
Emily Kopp
Adam Kulhavy
Keir Lee-Barber
Meredith Lyon
Xiaonan Ma
Peter MacKenna
Jared Maddern
Nathan Masterson
Jesse McElvain
Andrew McGrath
Dana McGrath
David Moffat
Sherilyn Moniz
Helen Monroe
Colby Morgan
Eleanor Morley
Alexa Mullin
Kathryn Murdoch
Gillian Murphy
Riley Nickerson
Kelsey Norwood
Gabriel Pacione
Christien Parello
Cassie Penta
Courtney Perkins
Taylor Pessin
Devon Pierro
Charles Pilkanis
Lexy Pingree
Mihika Pradhan
Johanna Purdy
Joshua Rice
Hilary Richard
Brittany Richmond
Olivia Rodes
Alyssa Roehr
Jaclyn Rosenberg
Isaiah Rotondi-Gray
Morgan Russell
Hailey Sawyer
Josie Scarpa
Devon Scuteri
Benjamin Senning
Ellen Sexton
Rebecca Shedden
Robin Shepherd
Stephanie Sheppard
Cindy Sherman
Olivia Shiland
Jackson Shlopak
Ashley Spongberg
Alexandra St. Pierre
Nikko Stevens
Matthew Stewart
Paul Sullivan
Kevin Sun
Welsey Surette
Deborah Tam
Derek Tanch
Kimberly Tetreault
Joel Trunfio
Sean Verrington
Vanessa Vitale
Benjamin von Staats
Emily Wallick
Michael Walton
Jeffrey White
Jesse-Lynn Willwerth
Matthew Wilson
James Wolcott
Evan Yu
Dawn Zampell
Michael Zheng

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Robert M. Krol, Principal

I am indeed fortunate to be writing my first town report as the new principal of the high school. I continue to be impressed with the quality of educators serving the families of Hamilton-Wenham. One of our faculty Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, social studies department chair won national recognition winning the prestigious Grand Prize NASDAQ Teachers Award for Economics.

Individuals who have retired from dedicated service at the end of the school year included Dr. Kalil Boghdan, science department chair, Mr. Steve Sawyer, math teacher, Mr. Charles Clair, guidance department chair, Ms. Virginia Sykes, English teacher, and Ms. Jean Jones, school adjustment counselor. They provided our students with a rich and meaningful learning experience.

Our students continue to excel in their daily academic endeavors, and in national and state testing. Our students' performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Testing, Advanced Placement, and MCAS are well above national and state averages. 81% of the class continued their education at 4-year colleges, with an additional 12% continuing at two-year and post secondary schools. We are also proud of our students serving in the military and those starting their careers in the workforce.

Students continue to be active in co-curricular activities with well over 150 students taking part in the annual science and history fairs. Three juniors continued on in the history fair competition to win first place in the group media project on the National level. Over 200 students were involved throughout the year in various clubs and activities.

Our art, music, and drama students continue to distinguish themselves. Several students won Boston Globe Key Awards, and Drama Guild Awards at the One-Act Festival. Seventeen students were selected to District band and chorus. A junior was selected to the Massachusetts All-State Band.

In addition, our choral students continue to conduct the Brown Bag Concert Series at the Community House throughout the year.

Our athletic teams competed successfully in all three seasons finishing first in football, and for the second straight year first as Cape Ann League Swimming Champions. Our girls' basketball team played in the state semi-finals. The participation rates in athletics included over 300 students in fall sports and over 200 students in both the winter and spring seasons.

The support of our parent groups continues to be outstanding. The Friends of the High School, the various booster clubs, and the Sports and Activities Alliance enriched our students' lives.

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2004 GRADUATES

Amy Ahearn
Casey Lee Anderson
Jonathan Peter Andreas
Katherine Mary Aristizabal
Nicholas Dean Asadorian
Whitney Elizabeth Beauregard
Brandon Dennis Benton
Logan Garrett Bert
Parker Russell Bert
Megan Frantz Bishop
Laura Prince Blanchard
Samantha Jacqueline Bond
Filip Andrzej Bortkiewicz
Eric Scott Brooks
Laurel Felton Brown
Trevor Michael Burke
Katlyn Ann Burnham
Craig Jordan Bybee
Malcolm Winget Bybee
Jon Lyric Gordon Bynoe
Joel Scott Camacho
Elizabeth Babbitt Camerer
Garrett Michael Carr
James Robert Carr
Shaun Robert Carrick
Michael Joshua Chandler
Ashley Marie Chapman
Andrea Berkeley Chivakos
Remington Alonzo Clark, IV
Phoebe Beardsley Cole
Eliza Lincoln Congdon
Zachary Adam Connor
Allison Lindsey Cox
Samantha Nicole Crossley
Hilary Kathleen Davis
Emily Giles Decatur
Jacob Max DeGroot
Erica Michael Doane
Mark William Dorman
Krystin Marie Dragonetti
Meridith VanNess Duca
Timothy Joseph Duffy
Lindsay Elaine Duncan
William Samuel Einhorn
Heather Elizabeth Evans
Evelyn Ann Falasca
Margaret Charlotte Farwell
Rachel Ann Fearon
Michael Wayne Fitzgerald, Jr.
Meghan Elizabeth Flynn
Jonathan Norman Fontaine
Molly Elizabeth Ford
Marcus Andrew Frerk
Samantha Marie Frontiera
Tatum Margaret Fumari
Nicolle Jeannine Gagne
Darren Richard Gallant
Ashlee Joan Gansenberg
Alexandra Leary Gatti
Terri Renee Gaudenzi
Vanessa Rose Gentleman
Lindsy Marie Girard Nicholas
Steven Govednik
Katherine Elizabeth Graves
Scott Xiao Guo
Brittany Constance Gwinn
Christopher James Hamilton
Audrey Rose Harkness
William Anthony Harris
Leandra Marie Harrison
Traquis Alan Hart
Sarah Lindsay Hartley
Ellen Rose Heerlein
Jordan Scott Henderson
Catherine Craig Henkels
Ryan Emerson Herrick
Stephen Crispin Herrick
Joshua Bartell Hersey
Rosalie Frances Hezekiah
Cedric Thomas Hill
Richard Lepnis Hoffman
Ryan James Hussey
Edward Charles Ireland
Torrie Wilbert Jackson
Jeffrey Andrew Jensen
Aaron Walcott Jermain
Adam Thomas Johnson
Carl Michael Johnson
Kayla Paige Jutras
Robert Siebert Karpp, Jr.
Whitney Deming Kent
Ryan Caves Kielty
Keith Jai Ketcham
Caroline Patricia King
Justin Myles Knope
Andrew Dean Kulhavy
Alyssa DeHaven Landry
Ashley Alyssa Lantych
Joshua Curtis Lear
Ryan Thomas Lee
Steven Charles Mackey
Nicholas Sorenson Maddem
Nicole Lynn Malatesta
Katelyn Rebecca Malio
Brittney Michon Malionek
Tyler Russell Maltbie
Peter Thomas Marcotte
Caitlin Elizabeth Marques
Joel Unsworth Martinez
John Philip Masterson
Jordan David Maurand
Melissa Roxane May
Lindsay Marie Mazzetta
Molly Pingree McCormick
Daniel Fredrick McGahey
Jonathan Joseph McKenna
Jessica Baker McKenzie
Carolyn Miles McNamara
Lauren Ann Mears
Kristin Ann Mercurio
Courtenay Elizabeth Moore
Christie Ann Morin
Shelby Marie Morrison
Jacqueline Page Murphy
Andrew Fraser Naugler
Katherine Marie Nolan
Pamela Michelle Nordin
Victoria Adelaide O'Neill
Tristan Amanda Parady
Ashley Rose Perkins
Caroline Mann Plitt
Emily Forrester Popp
Rosemary Bemette Poppe
Emma Louise Postlethwaite
Benjamin Thomas Prieur
Michele Lauren Puopolo
Shana Lee Quince
Shane Joseph Radcliff
Katherine Elizabeth Reid
Danelle Rose Ribok
Paul Lloyd Ricker, Jr.
Stephen Alexander Roth
Brittany Allison Ryan
Michael Richard Salandrea
Aleia Rose Salvati
Nicholas John Sartell
Bethany Jeanne Saulnier
Heather Laren Sawyer
Alisson Jean Scahill
Ellen Theresa Scannell
Kate Marie Shamsuddin
Bryan Shields
Christopher Andrew ShLIka
Taylor Chase Simons
Luke Sierks Smith
Elizabeth Carolyn Smolik
Brett Cody Snavely
Ian Robert St. Pierre
Elizabeth Dykeman Stokely
Rachael Pauline Stone
Ryan Gerald Sullivan
Thayer Elizabeth Surette
Kelsey Jayne Tam
Andrew Jonathan Taylor
Matthew Charles Tefft
Kyle Lee Tilley
Theodore James Tomich
Jonathan Matthew Twomey
Kurt Volker
Scott Richard Weissman
Emily Patience Welbourn
John Connor Westfall
Timothy Robert Whalen
Anne Abbot Wingate
Chris Austin Woods
William Francis Wright-McDonald
Dustin Arthur Zuch

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wenham Representative
Mr. William O. Nichols

Merger Study

In December the Senate and House of Representatives unanimously voted on Chap 463 of the Acts of 2004 which calls for the merger of North Shore Regional Vocational School District and Essex Agricultural School. The legislation requires a positive vote of 75 % of the communities to join the "new" district and construct a new school on the Essex Aggie campus. A recently named temporary oversight board will oversee all aspects of the planning and construction of the new school. The oversight board will consist of members of the North Shore School Committee, Essex Agricultural's Board of Trustees and a representative from Danvers and Peabody.

Administration

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community, is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administrative team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

Enrollment

Student enrollment as of October 1, 2004 was 459. Students cite the interpersonal relationships with teachers, counselors, and administration, and the vocational programs as the reasons for application. There continues to be a shortage of space for classrooms, shop areas, the library and the cafeteria. In addition, an auditorium is needed.

Students participate in programs in Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Art, Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Information Systems Technology, Graphic Arts, Health Technology, Machine Technology, Marketing and Information Systems and Masonry. In addition, our Job Skills Training, a special education program, also encourages inclusion into many of the technical/vocational areas.

Curriculum

The new courses added to the Mathematics Curriculum last year have grown this year. There are two sections of 11th grade Integrated Mathematics, a course for those who have had some level of algebra and geometry but who need more experience before moving on, or who may need further preparation for the MCAS mathematics test. The new 12th grade course in Discrete Mathematics continues to develop, as was hoped, into a mainstay of the upper level curriculum. This year's class is a strong, healthy group of 16 students, all of whom have completed Algebra II and most of whom have college aspirations. This class is an active, creative experience which is a departure from the routine mathematics curriculum, and

the students appear to truly enjoy the class. Weekly use of the wireless laptops continues to be a central part of the curriculum. MCAS mathematics test scores continue to improve. Students who took the test for the first time in May, 2004, improved the passing rates yet again: 68% (2002), 75% (2003), and 82% (2004). Also importantly, students scoring in the higher score bands continued to increase: 27% Proficient and an impressive 12% Advanced. The improvement in the pass/fail ratio can be attributed to the hard work of teachers and students in the 9th and 10th grade MCAS Prep classes. The achievement on the higher end reflects the efforts of students and teachers in the upper level mathematics classes. Only one senior has yet to pass the test.

The Mathematics Team continues to grow in popularity. There continues to be more interest in the teams that compete in the vocational school mathematics competition, especially among the younger students. North Shore Tech also continued its success at the state SkillsUSA Related Technical Mathematics competition, with a student narrowly missing a bronze medal last spring. He will return this year in the hope of scoring higher. Competition is keen for others to participate in this event also.

The 10th grade science curriculum is undergoing yet another substantive revision for the 2005-06 school year. Based upon the original Curriculum Frameworks and the underlying national standards, an Integrated Science curriculum was put in place in 1998. In subsequent years, the state field-tested an integrated science test, as well as subject-specific tests. Recently, the integrated test was abandoned. Since students will be expected to take MCAS science tests in either biology or physics, we must, reluctantly, adapt our curriculum to match the expectations of the testing program. Beginning in 2005-06, 10th graders must select either a course in biology or physical science. The 9th grade curriculum will continue to be a broad spectrum integrated program in order to ensure at least minimal exposure of students to all areas of science.

Essential Strategies, formerly called MCAS Prep, are required classes for all ninth grade students. Tenth graders who fall below grade level in the reading test will also be assigned to the essential strategies course. This ensures that all students receive adequate preparation for the state test. The results from the 2004 test saw an increase in the proficient category; in 2003, 35% of students achieved proficient, while in 2004, 45% of students achieved proficient.

Teachers in the English Department continue to access the present curriculum, through regular meetings, and discussions. Teachers attend workshops and conferences on the use of technology in English classes, as well as on other pertinent educational issues. Teachers continue to formulate guidelines for the adoption of portfolios, with an emphasis on both short and long writing assignments. As part of an overall review of department standards, teachers are assigning more outside reading at all grade levels. Teachers continue to analyze the most recent MCAS scores as a means of determining weak areas in the curriculum. Honors English classes continue at each grade level with higher expectations and more in-depth study of the material. Teachers work closely with seniors to develop college essays as well as resume writing skills.

The Social Studies Department continues to work on the new standards for their discipline. The teachers have met to address the new state guidelines, analyze the current curriculum, and formulate new curriculum. Teachers have begun to integrate the new curriculum this year.

The foundation of the Title I program is a fifteen (15) station computer lab dedicated to utilizing a variety of software to help students to improve their reading, math and writing skills. The software library

includes curriculum materials that range from grade 1 to post high school, an ESL program, and a SAT vocabulary review. Each student's academic history is evaluated. Reading records, standardized test scores, grades, and parent/teacher recommendations are reviewed. Individualized programs are developed to strengthen areas of weakness in spelling, comprehension, grammar, writing, and basic mathematics. In addition to the work completed on the computer, students are assigned independent and guided reading assignments. Students are required to read independently. High interest books written at reading levels from grade 1.0 – post high school are assigned. Students are serviced by a certified reading instructor and a paraprofessional. Various forms of assistive technology are being introduced to create an interest in reading. The tutorial and small group instruction format has resulted in raising students' reading and comprehension levels significantly.

MCAS Review

The Massachusetts Department of Education awarded Grant #632 to North Shore Technical High School to assist those Junior and Senior students who have not yet reached the minimum score on the Math and/or English/Language Arts MCAS. Our academic teachers set up review classes after school two days a week for mathematics and two days a week for English. The review sessions had four students in each group and they met every week from September until the November Retest date. The small teacher/student ratio allowed individual attention in those areas needing remediation. The instructors did an item analysis of their students' previous MCAS test to pinpoint areas of weakness. Our two twelfth graders were, additionally, tutored by the Mathematics Department Coordinator during his preparation period during the school day.

Each student took the MCAS Retest during the week of November 15, 2004 and the results will be sent to the school approximately January 1, 2005. Those students who need additional assistance will be tutored for the second retest in March of 2005. We sincerely hope that all of our students will successfully complete both segments of the MCAS this school year.

School Council

The School Council is an organization of faculty, parents, students and business community representatives who meet with the Principal on a monthly basis to review programs and activities at North Shore Tech. The Council examines the school budget, student handbook and extra curricular activities. They advise the Principal and suggest changes in programs and curriculum. During the meetings the Council hears from school staff members who present information about specific areas of instruction or school activities. The School Council's members are very active throughout the school year and have strongly supported our "Up All Night" graduation celebration for the past four years.

General and Program Advisory Committees

Twice a year each vocational/technical program has a meeting to discuss suggestions for revisions and updates of equipment and curriculum. The advisory committees include representatives of local business and industry related to each vocational craft. At the meetings instructors of our vocational/technical programs seek suggestions as to how to improve their programs to better prepare our students to enter the workforce in their career area. These meetings are beneficial in keeping our school aware of the latest innovations, equipment and technology used in industry.

The General Advisory Committee consists of one member from each of the Program Advisory Committees and the school Principal. This committee makes recommendations to improve industrial standards in each vocational program to the North Shore Tech School Committee. At the October 2004 meeting the General Advisory Committee made a commitment to review Chapter 74 (Massachusetts Vocational School Laws), the new state regulations on Advisory Committees and to report to the School Committee during the May 2005 meeting. General Advisory Committee Chairman John Alden also volunteered to work with Superintendent O'Malley and the Merger Committee to assist, in any way needed, with the process of developing and constructing the new school.

Other Programs Offered

A. Vocational -- Service Cluster

1. Cosmetology
2. Culinary Arts
3. Graphics Arts
4. Health Tech
5. Marketing

B. Vocational – Technical Cluster

1. Carpentry/Masonry
2. Automotive/Collision Repair
3. Machine Technology
4. Information Systems Technology
5. Technology

Ann O'Malley
Superintendent

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TOWN OF WENHAM

County of Essex

MASSACHUSETTS

Wenham - Incorporated 1643

(First Town set off from Salem)

Population – 5075

Area: 8.21 Square Miles

ZONING BYLAWS
First Adopted 1947

Present Minimum Lot Size: 40,000 sq. ft.; 170 ft. Frontage

Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Health Regulations require permits for new construction and alterations.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE		468-5524
BOARD OF HEALTH		468-5522
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		468-5526
EMERGENCY - FIRE OR POLICE		911
	(for exchanges other than 468)	468-4421
FINANCE DIRECTOR		468-5521
FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER	(non-emergency)	468-5508
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE - Building, Electrical, Gas & Plumbing		468-5522
LIBRARY		468-5527
POLICE DEPARTMENT	(non-emergency)	468-4000
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE		468-5522
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		468-5522
TOWN CLERK		468-5520
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		468-5521
TREASURER/COLLECTOR		468-5525

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday	9:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Friday	9:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 - 7:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN MEET TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY - FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

2005-2006
PART II
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WITH REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hearing on the Warrant
Monday, May 2, 2005
Buker School – 7:30 P.M.
Annual Town Meeting – BUKER SCHOOL
Saturday, May 7, 2005
Election 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon – Meeting 1:00 P.M.
Please bring this Part II with you to the
Hearing and Town Meeting
Matters to be voted do not appear in Part I of the
Town Report

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS 2557
QUORUM 128 PRESENT: 222

SELECTMEN: PICKARD, HERSEE, TANOUS
FINANCE: LAWRENCE SWARTZ, DAVID BONNETTE, SCOTT SPEARING
SCOTT MACKINTOSH, DEBORAH EVANS, HENRY WIEMAN
NOT PRESENT

TOTAL VOTERS AT MEETING

BRAD HILL
STATE BUDGET
CHAP 70 - UNFAIR TO SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES
UP 20 & 50 PER STUDENT
ADDITIONAL 70, TO HORSD

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION 4.5 MILLION
ABOLISH TO HELP TOWARDS COST

LOTTERY AID GOING UP

SPECIAL ED

BRUCE TARR
MORE ON ~~UNEQUITY~~ INEQUITY OF STATE FUNDING TO TOWNS
HEALTH CARE - HOPES FOR PROGRESS

1:23 PM MEETING TO ORDER
DEATHS BREWER, MANZOLI
THANKS FLOWERS AYERS
WVIS
SCOUTS
SPECIAL THANKS TO ALBIE DODGE - PETER HERSEE
PICKARD THANKS FRIEND OF BUKER

WARRANT
TOWN CLERK
QUORUM 128
MODERATOR

ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ELECTION

WENHAM FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FY 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENHAM:

The Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee presents to you for your review and approval at the annual Town Meeting its recommended budget for the Town for Fiscal Year 2006, beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Budgets proposed at Town Meeting for many years have been close to or at the Town's levy limit, the level of expenditures that cannot be exceeded without an override procedure under so-called Proposition 2 1/2. The budget recommended by the Committee for FY 2006 is at the levy limit. This situation can be expected to continue for the foreseeable future because of: increasing fixed costs, including costs for health insurance, general insurance, contributory retirement and utilities; and modest new growth.

Increases in fixed costs for FY 2006 are shown in Article 2. Examples include: Essex County Retirement (Article 2, Item 911, which reflects an increase of 7.1% or $19,724); Employee Group Insurance (Article 2, Item 914, which reflects an increase of 12.7% or $49,840); General Insurance (Article 2, Item 945, which shows an increase of 34.8% or $31,808 in liability insurance costs); and other increases as discussed below.

Estimated "new growth" (increases in property value from new homes and additions as estimated by the Board of Assessors) is shown on the Recap sheet and is one of the factors used to set the levy limit. For FY 2006 the estimated increase in total property valuation from construction of new buildings or additions is $7,500,000. This yields a new growth revenue figure of $89,325, which is $23,545 less than FY 2005 actual amount. Given the limited land available for development in the Town, annual new growth is expected to remain modest. See the new growth history in Appendix 1.

The Committee's approach to formulating the budget for FY 2006 was to maintain essential services, to maintain capital replacement programs to the extent possible, to provide modest increases in compensation for certain employees, to meet the town's obligations pursuant to the settlement of a disputed legal claim, and to maintain adequate reserves to address unforeseen occurrences in FY 2006 and future years.

After numerous meetings and discussions with the various Town departments, the various regional committees and the Board of Selectmen, the Finance and Advisory Committee has arrived at a recommended budget that is within the levy limit and which includes the following recommended expenditures under the following Articles on the Warrant:

Article	Amount
Article 2 – General Town Expenses	$ 11,444,022
Article 4 – Chapter 90 Highway Funds	90,825
Article 6 – Overlay Surplus	107,120
Article 7 – One-time Municipal Relief	27,706
Article 8 – Free Cash Transfer	381,437

Because the Committee's recommended budget is at the levy limit, please note that any action at Town Meeting which increases the recommended level of expenditures by more than this amount will trigger the need for a Proposition 2 ½ override.

Based on existing information, including current estimates of state reimbursements, charges, and new growth, the budget as recommended is projected to reduce the present FY 2005 tax rate of $11.91 by $.45 to $11.46, a decrease of 3.79%.

Key elements of the recommended budget are:

Article 2 – General Town Expenses

Wages and Salaries

Article 2 includes increases for union employees in accordance with their respective collective bargaining agreements. Also included are increases, as recommended by the Selectmen to the Committee, of 2 ½% for certain non-union employees of the Town.

Capital

The capital expenditures included in Article 2 are: a police cruiser and mobile radio replacement for the Police Department; a leaf vacuum for the Highway Department; and fire hydrant and water meter replacement for the Water Department, all items which are paid from water revenues and are not included in the tax rate. See Appendix 2.

Reserve Fund (Item 132)

Included as Item 132 is the Reserve Fund authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6, to be administered by the Finance and Advisory Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. The Committee recommends that $115,000 be appropriated for this fund.

Town Hall (Item 159)

Included is the addition of 13 hours to the position of Administrative Assistant for the Town Administrator that was recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. The position will now be funded at $ 37,646. This increase in hours will enhance the Town Administrator's ability to effectively carry out his duties.

Regional School District (Item 310)

Included is $5,218,491 for Wenham's share of the expenses for the Regional School District operating budget for FY 2006. This represents a 4% increase in the town's contribution within the levy limit. A comparison of each town's payments for FY 2005 and FY 2006 and the proposed FY 2006 Regional School District budget are included in Appendix 3.

Sidewalks/Bike Paths (included under Item 422 – Highway Department)

Included is $16,800 to be used along with other available funds for continuation of a program of construction of sidewalks/bike paths during FY 2006 as recommended by the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen. This is in accordance with the Town Meeting vote of May 2001 which accepted the report of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory

Committee and left to the determination of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen the timing of design and construction of the various phases of the program.

Council on Aging Van (Item 542)

This is a relatively new program that was authorized by Town Meeting in May 2003. The joint program began operations during the second half of FY 2004. The budget for FY 2006 is $49,647. The entire budget is carried in Article 2.

Joint Library (Item 620)

Because Wenham is the administering town for the Joint Library, the entire budget is carried in Article 2 - $601,852 for operating costs in Item 620 and $101,945 for employee benefits in Items 911 (Retirement), 914 (Group Insurance) and 916 (FICA/Medicare). This total amount of $703,797 is offset by revenues to be received from Hamilton for its percentage share (62.07%) plus a 10% administrative fee on its share of relevant costs. For details, see the notes to the Recap sheet.

Debt (Items 315, 710, 751, and 29)

Article 2 itemizes actual and estimated bond payments for FY 2006 for capital projects authorized to date. In Fiscal Year 2006, only the additional amount for the Town Hall/Police Station building project, as authorized by the October 2004 Special Town meeting, is included in the tax rate. Detailed repayment schedules are shown in Appendix 4.

Article 3 – Free Cash Transfer

The Committee recommends transferring $381,437 from free cash to level the tax rate. This will leave a balance in free cash of $250,00.

Article 4 – Chapter 90 Highway Funds

The Committee recommends acceptance of $90,825 in state highway funds. This amount is included on the Recap sheet under revenues and is to be expended by the Highway Department for roadway and related improvements.

Article 6 – Overlay Surplus

The Committee recommends transferring $107,120 from the overlay account to level the tax rate. This represents the amount determined to be surplus in the overlay account from Fiscal Years 2002, 2003, and 2004 overlay appropriations. This amount is included in the Recap sheet under revenues.

Article 7 – One-time Municipal Relief

The Committee recommends transferring $27,706 from available funds to level the tax rate. This represents the Town's share of one-time relief provided to municipalities by the state in FY 2005. This amount is included in the Recap sheet under revenues.

The Committee is also recommending approval of Article 5, the proposition 2 1/2 override related to the Regional School District operating budget. If approved at Town Meeting and at the ballot, the amount of the Town's share to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for Regional School

District annual operating expenses would be $211,687. Based on existing information, the projected increase to the tax rate would be $.28 for this additional expense.

The Committee thanks all departments for their assistance in the preparation of this budget. The Committee also thanks the Hamilton Finance Committee for its cooperation with evaluation of the various joint budgets which are shared by our towns. The Committee also recognizes the cooperative efforts of the Towns and Regional School District toward finding joint solutions to common issues.

We look forward to seeing you at the Warrant Hearing on May 2 and at the Town Meeting on May 7.

WENHAM FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lawrence D. Swartz, Chairman
David E. Bonnette, Secretary
Deborah H. Evans
Scott B. Mackintosh
Scott S. Spearing
Henry H. Wieman

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 7, 2005

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the seventh of May, 2005, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:
"Article One," the election of officers; and "Article Three," Community Preservation Act, a summary of which appears below, and said articles to be acted upon by official ballot from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON ; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 7:30 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on **Thursday, May 12, 2005,** at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: **Election of Town Officers - Ballot Question**

Moderator for one year; Town Clerk for one year; one Selectmen for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Assessor for 2 years; one Assessor for 1 year; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Board of Health member for one year; Hamilton-Wenham Library Trustee for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Park Commissioners for three years; two Park Commissioners for two years; one Park Commissioner for one year; one Water Commissioner for three years; and one Water Commissioner for one year; or take any other action relative thereto.

LAWRENCE SCHARTZ VOTER CARDS NOTEHERS

ARTICLE 2: **Budget Appropriations** YES ✓ NO ——

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2006) beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

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RECAP SHEET
COMPARISON OF FISCAL YEAR 2005 TO 2006
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

	ACTUAL - DOR FY2005 Recap	ESTIMATED FY2006 Recap	INCREASE (DECREASE)
REVENUES			
LOCAL RECEIPTS	807,033	911,923	104,890
WATER	406,707	456,420	49,713
ASSESSMENT To Hamilton - COA Van	33,958	38,123	4,165
ASSESSMENT to Hamilton - Joint Library	457,526	495,017	37,491
Local Receipt Subtotal	1,705,224	1,901,483	196,259
CHERRY SHEET REVENUE	473,762	517,126	43,364
OTHER (Available Funds)			
Chapter 90	76,824	90,825	14,001
FREE CASH USED FOR:			
Article 3: To Level the Tax Rate	553,178	381,437	(171,741)
OVERLAY SURPLUS:			
Article 6: Available Funds		107,120	
ONE TIME MUNICIPAL RELIEF			
Article 7: Available Funds		27,706	
TOTAL REVENUES	2,808,988	3,025,697	216,709
EXPENDITURES			
ARTICLE 2 SALARIES & WAGES	2,529,123	2,620,948	91,825
ARTICLE 2 EXPENSES	8,423,515	8,725,574	302,059
ARTICLE 2 CAPITAL	128,000	97,500	(30,500)
CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	109,162	116,276	7,114
OTHER - Library Offset, Treasurer's Tax Title and Overlay Deficits to be raised (if	11,322	4,610	(6,712)
OVERLAY (Allowance for Abatements)	150,000	100,000	(50,000)
SPECIAL ARTICLES			
Chapter 90	76,824	90,825	14,001
OVERRIDE ARTICLES			
School	255,119	0	(255,119)
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,683,065	11,755,733	72,668
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Total Expenditures less Total Revenues. This amount is subject to the levy limit)	8,874,077	8,730,036	(144,041)
PRIOR FISCAL YEAR LEVY LIMIT - before debt exclusion	7,532,874	8,089,185	556,311
2 1/2% Increase	188,322	202,230	13,908
Current New Growth (Value increases from new building)	112,870	89,325	(23,545)
Override Articles	255,119	0	(255,119)
LEVY LIMIT - before adding current year debt exclusion	8,089,185	8,380,740	
PROP 2 1/2 DEBT EXCLUSION School Debt, Town Hall/Police Station, Joint Library	786,088	584,296	
LEVY LIMIT - Maximum Allowable Levy (Net Amount To Be Raised cannot be higher than this)	8,875,273	8,965,036	
LESS: Amount to be provided for negotiated settlement of a disputed legal claim		235,000	
GAP - Levy Limit minus the Net Amount To Be Raised. (If this amount is negative it is beyond the Levy Limit and is not allowable without an override)	1,196	(0)	
PROPERTY VALUATION (increased by 5% for FY06)	745,094,602	782,349,332	5,253,200
TAX RATE -(Net Amount to be Raised divided by Property Valuation x 1000)	$11.91	$11.46	($0.45)

Joint Libr Proj.	115,657
Jt Libr Purch	32,088
Town Hall	23,935
School Reno	314,628
Iron rail boiler	12,520
Town Hall @ 4.456m	75,368
Fire Truck (Quint)	10,100
Total	584,296

-3.79% increase/ decrease

Please note: $100,000 of expenditures equals approximately $0.13 on the tax rate

Notes to Recap Sheet for FY2006

REVENUE

Local Receipts: Include the following: **$911,923**
Motor Vehicle Excise, Penalties and Interest, Payments is Lieu of Taxes, Charges for Services, Fees, Rentals, Departmental Revenues, Licenses and Permits, Fines and Forfeits, and Investment Income

Water Revenue:
Raised from water use charges. Water Receipts equal Water Budget: **$456,420**

Assessments to Hamilton:	Joint Library (valuation)	Council on Aging Van (ridership)
FY06 apportionment:	63.05% Hamilton 36.95% Wenham	65.61% - Hamilton 34.39% - Wenham

Library Assessment:

Operating Budget:	601,852
Other Expenses (Employee Benefits, Insurance, Etc.):	96,335
Subtotal	$698,187
Hamilton @ 63.05%	453,216
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee (Operating, Benefits & Medicare only)	41,801
Total Assessment to Hamilton – Library	**$495,017**

Council on Aging Van Assessment:

Operating Budget:	50,809
Other Expenses:	623
Subtotal	$51,432
Hamilton @ 65.61%	34,749
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee (Operating, Benefits, & Medicare only)	3,374
Total Assessment to Hamilton – COA Van	**$38,123**

Cherry Sheet Revenues:
FY05 Cherry Sheet – Actual = $473,762
FY06 Estimate = estimate per Governor's House I budget **$517,126**

Other Available Funds: Chapter 90 Funds (Road Repairs): **$90,825**

EXPENSES

Cherry Sheet Charges: Assessed by State – estimate per Governor's House I budget **$116,276**

Other Expenditures: Catch all for any other charges which may be assessed to the town without appropriation. This includes cherry sheet offsets and any other deficits that may have to be raised.

FY06 Estimated: **$4,610**

Overlay: Also known as the Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions – from Assessors
FY06 Amount: **$100,000**

Special Articles: The total dollar amount of the Finance and Advisory Committee's recommended expenditures under all of the warrant articles that affect the tax rate (except Article 2)

Article No:	Description:	Amount:
4	Chapter 90	**$90,825**

Override Articles: Items that are considered to be beyond the Levy Limit and will require a Town Meeting Vote

Other:
Fiscal Year Levy Limit: From Department of Revenue RECAP Sheet
New Growth: Value increase estimated from Building Permits - FY05 Amt: **$89,325**
This amount is added to the Levy Limit
Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion: Includes Joint Library Project, Town Hall/Police Station Project, Iron Rail Boiler, Fire Engine, and School Debt

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2001 6/30/2002	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Budgeted 7/1/04 6/30/05	Recommended 7/1/05 6/30/06
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	50	0	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES	12,122	12,122	10,812	10,812	10,812
	(Chairman @ $ 4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273 /year)					
122-5200	EXPENSES	3,000	3,000	1,833	3,000	2,000
		15,122	15,122	12,645	13,812	12,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $82,356/year)	67,392	69,000	74,846	76,220	85,356
123-5200	EXPENSES	4,306	3,000	2,185	6,000	2,500
		71,698	72,000	77,031	82,220	87,856
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	115	500	0	500	250
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND		120,000	118,940	160,536	115,000
135	**FINANCE DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $60,178/year)	43,260	44,558	63,341	69,730	71,484
	(Asst. position - 13 hrs/wk @ $16.66 /hr.)					
135-5200	EXPENSES	1,827	~~3,~~225	2,041	5,000	3,000
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					1,500
		45,087	47,783	65,382	74,730	75,984
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	20,000	14,000	15,315	16,000	16,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES	45,788	51,608	53,573	53,981	56,037
	(Chief Assessor @ $25,719 /yr)					
	(Asst. Assessor @ $ 17.60/hr) - (Subs. @ $ 360/yr)					
141-5200	EXPENSES	8,050	7,240	10,393	11,225	15,735
141-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	
		53,838	58,848	63,966	65,206	71,772

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145	**TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	71,105	73,736	74,201	66,071	64,644
	(Treasurer / Collector @ $23,386 /year)					
	(Assistant Collector @ $41,158 /yr + $100 long.)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	13,887	14,810	3,845	4,110	4,350
145-5200	TAX TITLE EXP				10,000	10,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			10,652	10,300	14,600
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	2,102	563		0	
		87,094	89,109	88,698	90,481	93,594
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	2,853	3,750	3,750	0	
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	31,890	20,000	25,957	40,000	20,000
151-5700	OTHER					0
		41,743	30,750	36,707	47,000	27,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	4,000	4,000	3,982	0	
155-5200	EXPENSES	36,806	25,000	7,527	14,500	15,750
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			24,969	36,790	46,900
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)		0	8,755	15,000	15,000
		40,806	29,000	45,233	66,290	77,650
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	61,313	52,289	52,037	65,291	87,423
	(Permit Office $37,652 /yr + $300 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ $37,646 /yr)					
	(Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $14.79 /hr)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	35,356	46,350	57,063	46,237	41,097
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		6,000			
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings			11,510	8,000	8,000
159-5320	Cleaning Services		7,500	7,227	0	
159-5700	OTHER	10,901	0		9,000	0
159-5800	CAPITAL	0	0		0	0
		107,570	112,139	127,837	128,528	136,520

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161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $41,660/yr + $300 longevity)	37,075	39,026	40,352	40,844	41,961
161-5200	EXPENSES	2,183	2,675	1,777	3,050	1,300
		39,258	41,701	42,129	43,894	43,261
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	4,345	4,109	3,187	5,439	3,895
162-5200	EXPENSES	4,490	13,560	7,983	17,921	9,474
162-5700	OTHER				0	
		8,835	17,669	11,170	23,360	13,369
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $19.07/hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	14,419	18,419	19,179	19,043	19,106
171-5200	EXPENSES	5,055	5,088	2,135	3,315	3,415
		19,474	23,507	21,314	22,358	22,521
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	54	500	500	500	500
		1,599	2,045	2,045	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	0	150	0	150	150
		515	665	515	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	5,739	7,200	6,469	6,700	7,500
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	5,798	0		0	
198-5200	EXPENSES	2,387	6,020	2,600	3,653	4,653
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning			1,343		
		8,185	6,020	3,943	3,653	4,653

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199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Salary @ $5,066 /yr + Additional Maint. @ $668 /yr)	7,974	8,485	8,287	8,840	5,734
199-5200	EXPENSES	11,756	9,300	4,084	6,600	4,600
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			2,567	2,700	2,700
199-5800	CAPITAL	32,995	0	5,000	5,000	0
		52,725	17,785	19,938	23,140	13,034
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	619,403	705,893	759,277	871,168	821,536
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Chief @ $74,158 - base/year + $300 longevity)	742,643	759,054	808,859	841,271	859,820
210-5200	EXPENSES	54,283	57,081	53,999	58,581	62,381
210-5800	CAPITAL	28,982	56,000	29,999	30,000	31,500
		825,908	872,135	892,857	929,852	953,701
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS (Chief @ $34,629 /year) (Fire Prevention Officer @ $50,855 /year)	102,643	107,575	121,927	133,219	136,787
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	134,336	136,104	144,487	141,890	150,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	53,492	57,820	58,999	59,000	54,987
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	37,059	41,899	42,399	42,725	41,725
220-5800	CAPITAL	0	0		0	0
		327,530	343,398	367,812	376,834	383,499
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	36,480	39,110	36,480	38,980	41,480
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES (Building Inspector @ $16,806 /year) (Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600 /year)	15,167	17,208	16,198	17,996	18,406
241-5200	EXPENSES	347	2,450	0	500	200
		15,514	19,658	16,198	18,496	18,606

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243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $3,979/year)	3,605	3,713	3,806	3,882	3,980
243-5200	EXPENSES	300	425	201	425	425
		3,905	4,138	4,007	4,307	4,405
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Electrical Inspector @ $8,794 /year)	7,303	8,206	8,411	8,579	8,794
245-5200	EXPENSES	376	1,100	217	500	500
		7,679	9,306	8,628	9,079	9,294
249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	2,547	2,598	1,634	3,021	1,700
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,956	2,933	839	2,676	1,000
249-5800	CAPITAL	6,995	0		0	
		11,498	5,531	2,473	5,697	2,700
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,602	2,000	1,853	2,000	2,000
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $6,230 /year) (Deer Officer @ $2,175 /year)	7,961	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,405
292-5200	EXPENSES	150	2,500	375	2,000	500
		8,111	10,700	8,575	10,200	8,905
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,348/year)	1,221	1,258	1,289	1,315	1,348
294-5200	EXPENSES	14,432	15,400	4,098	1,900	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	9,675	11,200	11,712	24,500	20,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	305	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
		25,633	29,858	17,099	29,715	25,148
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	19,628	21,000	19,000	17,850	19,350
298-5700	OTHER			4,026	0	
298-5800	CAPITAL	9,916	9,300		0	
		29,544	30,300	23,026	17,850	19,350

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299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $12,490)	118,594	128,560	129,876	153,271	153,585
299-5700	OTHER	0	3,000		0	
299-5800	CAPITAL		0	4,818	0	
		118,594	131,560	134,694	153,271	153,585
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,411,998	1,497,694	1,513,702	1,596,281	1,622,673
	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share FY05 base $4,762,661 + override $255,119 = 5,017,780	3,944,651	4,196,091	4,491,831	5,017,780	5,218,491
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	41,976	43,227	40,803	65,857	66,285
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	218,003	220,247	222,441	231,515	198,903
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)		44,708	50,903	50,339	49,440
		259,979	308,182	314,147	347,711	314,628
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	4,204,630	4,504,273	4,805,978	5,365,491	5,533,119
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	55,818	58,406	63,980	57,364	46,517
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	4,260,448	4,562,679	4,869,958	5,422,855	5,579,636
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (DPW Director @ $72,448/yr.) (Foreman @ $25.67 /hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity) Foreman shared w/water dept. (Other Wages @ $18.33-$21.54 /hour)	344,303	363,155	379,630	382,697	402,678
422-5200	EXPENSES	23,962	32,000	34,800	35,900	29,400
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	58,749	50,900	59,124	60,200	60,200
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	16,800	16,800	24,330	16,800	16,800
422-5800	CAPITAL	8,525	55,000	19,551	45,000	15,000
		452,339	517,855	517,435	540,597	524,078

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423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	20,230	36,050	21,937	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	42,105	54,000	43,613	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	
		62,335	90,050	65,550	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	30,432	36,211	34,101	37,300	37,300
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	32,758	33,000	35,158	38,500	36,000
		32,758	33,000	35,158	38,500	36,000
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	294,887	300,000	239,000	238,000	241,700
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $38.50/wk)	2,000	1,868	1,620	1,954	2,002
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	3,133	4,728	3,734	5,600	4,000
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	500	500	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	200	200	120	200	200
		5,833	7,296	5,974	8,254	6,702
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	34,928	36,590	41,755	44,090	53,050
		34,928	36,590	41,755	44,090	53,050
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	913,512	1,021,002	938,973	996,791	988,880

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	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES	1,942	2,120	2,000	2,120	2,170
	(Inspector of Animals @ $2,050 /year)					
	(Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)					
510-5200	EXPENSES	8,299	10,500	1,330	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $ 50/hr			10,100	10,500	10,500
510-5700	OTHER	18,229	16,430	2,218	300	2,800
		28,470	29,050	15,648	15,720	18,270
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES		2,600	379	1,360	6,747
541-5200	EXPENSES	2,895	3,930	3,919	8,000	5,000
		2,895	6,530	4,298	9,360	11,747
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES			29,780	42,915	42,897
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $14.64/hr)					
	Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $10.25-$14.35 /hr.)					
542-5200	EXPENSES				6,250	6,750
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
				29,780	49,165	49,647
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	17,931	12,624	12,623	13,559	13,966
		18,931	13,624	12,623	14,559	14,966
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	50,296	49,204	62,349	88,804	94,630

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	CULTURE and RECREATION						
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**						
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES		332,294				
5101	Director (Salary @ $56,010 /yr)			55,619	57,667	58,434	56,010
	Assistant Director - not funded in FY06					0	0
		Subtotal Administration		55,619	57,667	58,434	56,010
5102	Head Reference (@ $31,480/year)			31,925	28,511	30,712	31,480
5103	Reference (@ $29,926/year + $100 longevity)			27,819	28,843	29,296	30,026
5104	Head Childrens (@ $34,327/year + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,101	33,605	34,427
5105	Childrens (@ $31,012/year)			28,832	27,624	30,260	31,012
5106	Head of Circulation (@ $34,327/yr + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,101	33,605	34,427
5107	Administrative Assistant (@ $29,926/year)			27,818	28,843	29,196	29,926
5108	Technical Services (@ $40,993/year + $400 longevity)			38,111	39,514	40,398	41,392
		Subtotal Professional		218,355	219,537	227,072	232,690
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($11.59-$13.24/hr)			74,955	61,402	58,951	58,283
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $14.79 /hr.					18,831	19,302
	Custodian - 63.5 % of $650 clothing allowance						406
	2 Shelvers @ 10 hrs/wk. @ $7.69-$8.24 /hr.					5,876	8,645
		Subtotal Support			61,402	83,658	86,636
		Total Salaries	332,294	348,929	338,606	369,164	375,336
620-5200	EXPENSES		183,693				
5201	Library Books			81,900	85,371	88,000	88,400
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals			10,000	7,822	8,000	8,000
5203	Furniture & Equipment			2,000	486	600	0
5204	Technology			38,000	35,026	35,926	35,526
5205	General Supplies			13,200	13,877	12,100	13,200
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel			3,200	1,202	1,000	1,070
5207	Programs			3,000	2,732	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities			65,000	51,480	52,200	58,500
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds			5,500	12,123	19,420	20,820
5210	Other			3,000		0	0
		Total Expenses	183,693	224,800	210,119	218,246	226,516
620-5800	CAPITAL						
						0	0
		Total Capital			0	0	0
	TOTAL LIBRARY		515,987	573,729	548,725	587,410	601,852

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640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,362 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206	54,419
		36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206	54,419
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES	0	4,000	4,330	6,650	0
650-5200	EXPENSES	2,370	3,244	2,794	6,350	2,500
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	0	0		650	650
650-5700	OTHER	6,450	0		0	
		8,820	7,244	7,124	13,650	3,150
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	220	300	0	300	50
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	979	1,008	1,008	1,038	1,064
		979	1,008	1,008	1,038	1,064
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	0	500	0	500	50
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	500	500	350	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	563,121	625,786	602,322	655,604	661,085
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	226,230	255,136	250,144	276,119	295,843
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,300	2,288	2,300	2,530
		228,518	257,436	252,432	278,419	298,373
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	249,212	310,607	324,123	392,935	442,775
914-5220	UNEMPLOYMENT	1,125	21,500	7,398	15,960	18,354
		250,337	332,107	331,521	408,895	461,129

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916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	42,700	31,700	23,431	27,000	27,810
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	64,319	75,600	90,631	91,393	123,199
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance				11,000	11,000
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
		64,319	76,600	90,631	103,393	135,199
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	585,874	697,843	698,015	817,707	922,511
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	80,000	25,000	0	0	
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	69,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)			15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT			0	116,000	20,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER			0	12,000	10,000
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Qunit - Debt Exclusion)					
	Subtotal - Principal	189,000	135,000	125,000	253,000	155,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	5,800	1,400	0	0	
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	12,449	9,383	8,583	7,783	6,983
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	127,186	54,058	51,258	48,458	45,657
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	16,721	14,488	13,688	12,888	12,088
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)			10,135	9,535	8,935
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT			0	145,152	55,368
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER				3,024	2,520
710-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)					10,100
	Subtotal - Interest	162,156	79,329	83,664	226,840	141,651
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	351,156	214,329	208,664	479,840	296,651
	Subtotal General Fund	**8,755,808**	**9,374,430**	**9,653,260**	**10,929,050**	**10,987,602**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2001 6/30/2002	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Budgeted 7/1/04 6/30/05	Recommended 7/1/05 6/30/06
	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	101,481	106,918	106,488	110,492	115,952
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $60,854/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $25.67/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $21.00/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	64,142	71,600	79,646	75,690	145,343
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			33,993	27,440	17,040
29-5800	CAPITAL	31,758	44,300	38,664	48,000	51,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	197,381	222,818	258,791	261,622	329,335
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL	95,000	90,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST	75,620	71,820	58,085	70,085	52,085
	Subtotal Water Tank	170,620	161,820	133,085	145,085	127,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	368,001	384,638	391,876	406,707	456,420
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**9,123,809**	**9,759,068**	**10,045,136**	**11,335,757**	**11,444,022**

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE 2 AS SHOWN ON RECAP SHEET

WAGES	2,620,948
EXPENSES	8,725,574
CAPITAL	97,500
TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	**11,444,022**

ARTICLE 3: **Community Preservation Act - Ballot Question** ~~PASSED~~

Shall Wenham accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by Special Town Meeting on March 22, 2005, a summary of which appears below?

Chapter 44B, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establishes a dedicated funding source to protect open space, create affordable housing, build new recreational facilities, and preserve historic sites. Community Preservation Act funds are reserved for these purposes and could be used to acquire and preserve open space, parks, and conservation land; to protect public drinking water supplies; to protect farmland and forests from future development; to renovate boarded up homes and build new affordable housing on vacant lots; to help families buy their first home in Wenham and assist older residents in finding an affordable house so they can stay in their neighborhoods; to build new parks and playgrounds; to make existing parks safer; to create bike and walking paths; to clean up polluted industrial and waterfront sites and restore them to their natural state; and to restore and protect historic buildings in Wenham.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established to study potential uses of the funds and to make recommendations to the Town Meeting, which has the final say on how they should be spent. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In Wenham, one source of Community Preservation Act funds would be a surcharge of 3% of the annual property tax assessed on real estate beginning in the 2006 Fiscal Year. The other source of funds would come from a special state trust fund. The state provides these matching funds only to communities that have adopted the Act.

Owner occupied housing would be exempt from the surcharge when the owner qualifies for low-income housing or low- or moderate-income senior housing. The first $100,000 of the value of each residential property would also be exempt. Any taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the Community Preservation Act surcharge.

A "yes" vote is a vote to accept the Act. A "no" vote is a vote not to accept the Act.

MOVED BY BONNETTE
CARDS – NO TELLERS DECLARED PASSED WITH NO OPPOSITION

ARTICLE 4: **Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding** YES___ NO___

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $90,825 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

YES ✓ NO —

DON GALLANT MOVES — SECONDED — SPEAKS TO ISSUE

1 OPPOSED DECLARE COMFORTABLY PASSED

ARTICLE 5: Operating Budget – Regional School District

VOTER CARDS NO TELLERS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for the $22,106,483 annual operating expenses of the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Buker School, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $211,687 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005?"

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action. JULIE PRESTON

~~BA~~ HARRISON — THIS TOWN FOR?

ARTICLE 6: Overlay Surplus – Available Funds YES ✓ NO —

MOVED DEB EVANS FINCOM

VOTER CARDS NO TELLERS

To see if the Town will vote $107,120 from Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 7: One-time Municipal Relief – Available Funds YES ✓ NO —

HEARD SUPPORT STRONG SUPPORT ON SELECTMEN'S BEHALF

~~To see if the Town will vote $27,706 from One-time Municipal Relief to be used by the Board of~~ Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

DEB

DECLARED UNANIMOUS

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen Recommends favorable action.

VOTER CARDS NO TELLERS

ARTICLE 8: Level Tax Rate YES ✓ NO —

DEB EVANS FINCOM

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

TOWN NOTIFIED OF KATHERINE DUFFY BEQUEST

ARTICLE 9: **Cemetery and Other Trust Funds** YES ___ NO ___

DEB EVANS FIN COM

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2005, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

VOTER CARDS NO TELLERS DECLARE UNANIMOUS

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.

The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

1 OPPOSITION YES ✓

VOTER CARDS

10 TELLERS

ARTICLE 10: **Community Preservation Act–Community Preservation Comm.**

MOVED BY TANOUS

To See if the town will vote to amend the Wenham Bylaws by adopting the following new Section XXI to be entitled "Community Preservation Committee," and to read as follows:

DECLARED COMFORTABLY PASSED

Section XXI. Community Preservation Committee

Chapter 1. Establishment

(1) There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee consisting of nine voting members pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

One member of the Historic District Commission as designated by the Commission
One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Authority
One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board
? One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission
One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission
Four at-large members to be designated by the Board of Selectmen

(2) The term for the first-appointed Community Preservation Committee will begin on January 1, 2006, ending on May 31, 2008. Subsequent terms will begin on June 1 of each year and will be for two years. Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority or board that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member in accordance with Section (1) above for the unexpired term.

(3) Should any commission, authority or board designating a member for the Community Preservation Committee cease to exist for whatever reason the Board of Selectmen will determine the appropriate alternative designating commission, authority or board.

Chapter 2. Duties

(1) The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with town boards and others including, but not limited to, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Recreation Commission in conducting such studies. As part of its studies the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly, including on the Town's

web page, and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. The Committee will file an annual report on its activities to the Town Clerk.

(2) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings, or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

(3) The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendations to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation, but for which sufficient funds are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

Chapter 3. Requirements for a quorum and cost estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Meetings will be held in accordance with the open meeting law. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4. Amendments

The Community Preservation Committee shall, from time to time, review the administration of this By-law, making recommendations, as needed, for changes in the By-law and in administrative practice to improve the operations of the Community Preservation Committee. The first review shall be completed at least by November 1, 2008 and subsequent reviews shall be completed in no more than five-year intervals. This Bylaw may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not be in conflict with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Chapter 5. Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this By-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect

Chapter 6. Effective Date

This vote shall take effect and this Bylaw shall be submitted to the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth only upon certification that a majority of voters have approved a ballot question accepting sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B. Upon approval of this Bylaw by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Board of Selectmen shall request the Historic District Commission, the Housing Authority, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Recreation Commission to designate a member to serve on the Community

Preservation Committee. The Board of Selectmen will designate four at-large members of the Community Preservation Committee.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

2 OPPOS

ARTICLE 11: **Restricted Cable Franchise Funds** YES ✓ NO ___

VOTER CARDS DECLARE COMFORTABLY PASSED

To see if the Town will transfer funds restricted by and to be payable pursuant to the cable franchise, to a restricted account, as required by the franchise, for local cable purposes including municipal meeting coverage and community access purposes and institutional network access purposes including use by a local access and cable technology corporation as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen in their capacity as license Issuing Authority; or take any other action relative thereto. DON PICKARD

NO ELLERS

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

NOTER CARDS NOTELLERS

DECLARE SUBSTANTIAL PASSED

ARTICLE 12: **Dissolution of Parks Commission** YES ✓ NO ___

PETER HERSEE

To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Wenham Parks & Recreation Committee, and to have the Board of Selectmen exercise the powers of park commissioners as provided in Chapter 45, section 2, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

PLEASANT POND ISSUE — GOAL OF NEIGHBOR GROUP TO HAVE POND READY BY NEX

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 13: **Citizen Petition Article - Historic District Commission**

To see if the Town will vote for the dissolution of the Wenham Historic District Commission.
Or take any other action relative thereto.

MESSAGE TO FORCE HDC TO APPROV

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

SEE AMENDMENT & MOTION

ADJOURN TO TAKE ACTION ON MAY 17

ARTICLE 14: **To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting.**

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX NO. 1

NEW GROWTH HISTORY

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New Growth Tax Value
(Value Added to Levy Limit)

FY2006 – Estimated	$ 89,325
FY2005	112,870
FY2004	79,274
FY2003	51,322
FY2002	94,429
FY2001	84,358
FY2000	210,303
FY1999	147,707
FY1998	61,384
FY1997	95,580
FY1996	41,757
FY1995	107,516

APPENDIX NO. 2

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED FY2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT		DESCRIPTION	AMT	FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARTICLE 2	SPECIAL ARTICLE
210	Police	Cruiser Replacement	31,500	31,500	
422	Highway	Leaf Vacuum	15,000	15,000	
620	Water	Hydrant and Meter Replacement	51,000	51,000	
			$97,500	**$97,500**	

APPENDIX NO. 3

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED FY06 BUDGET
MARCH 31, 2005

TOTAL DISTRICT	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	1,526,153	$107,625	7.6%	1,555,875	$29,723	1.9%
Instructional Salaries	$9,127,854	$921,013	11.2%	$9,738,174	$610,320	6.7%
Instructional Expenses	$377,020	-$21,034	-5.3%	$472,080	$95,060	25.2%
Utilities	$592,000	$21,900	3.8%	$613,200	$21,200	3.6%
Maintenance	$693,670	$146,618	26.8%	$640,432	-$53,238	-7.7%
Custodial Salaries	$535,744	$43,080	8.7%	$535,404	-$340	-0.1%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$262,435	-$68,627	-20.7%	$403,611	$141,176	53.8%
Health Services	$178,489	$8,534	5.0%	$170,112	-$8,377	-4.7%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,248,886	-$57,521	-2.5%	$2,455,950	$207,064	9.2%
Transportation	$555,326	$68,430	14.1%	$582,646	$27,320	4.9%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip	$102,500	$35,682	53.4%	$166,000	$63,500	62.0%
Curriculum & Instruction	$32,255	-$12,198	-27.4%	$60,453	$28,198	87.4%
Special Education	$3,998,159	$125,770	3.2%	$4,423,195	$425,036	10.6%
Misc. Expenses	$279,835	$75,940	37.2%	$289,350	$9,515	3.4%
Gross Budget Total	20,510,326	1,395,212	7.30%	22,106,483	1,596,157	7.78%

Non-Tax Revenues	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Transportation	$176,118	-$9,270	-5.0%	$249,829	$73,711	41.9%
Chapter 70 Aid	$3,061,591	$0	0.0%	$3,092,519	$30,928	1.0%
Non-resident Tuition (School Choice)	$439,468	-$22,315	-4.8%	$475,000	$35,532	8.1%
* Reserves	$105,000	-$15,468	-12.8%	$185,000	$80,000	76.2%
Interest Income	$12,000	-$9,000	-42.9%	$10,000	-$2,000	-16.7%
Parking Fees	$15,000	$0	0.0%	$37,500	$22,500	150.0%
Rent/Medicaid/PreSchool/Misc	$145,250	$54,750	60.5%	$270,647	$125,397	86.3%
State Wards	$0	$0		$0	$0	
Fee-based (Band, chorus, Xtra-curric.)	$0	-$30,850		$0	$0	
Athletic Fund	$0	-$101,600		$0	$0	
Total Revenues	$3,954,427	($133,753)	-3.27%	$4,320,495	$366,068	9.26%
Net Budget Total	$16,555,899	$1,528,965	10.17%	$17,785,988	$1,230,089	7.43%

Town Appropriations	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Hamilton Operational Share (by enrollment .6933/FY06)	$11,508,005	$1,007,184	9.59%	$12,331,025	$823,020	7.15%
Wenham Operational Share (by enrollment .3067/FY06)	$5,047,893	$521,781	11.53%	$5,454,962	$407,069	8.06%
Hamilton Debt Offset	$30,113			$24,784		
Wenham Debt Offset	-$30,113			-$24,784		
Hamilton Total Assessment	$11,538,118	$1,003,016	9.52%	$12,355,809	$817,691	7.09%
Wenham Total Assessment	$5,017,780	$525,949	11.71%	$5,430,178	$412,398	8.22%

* Use of Reserves in 04-05 Budget does not include the Sept. '04 transfer of $411,834 to the Operating Budget

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED FY06 BUDGET
MARCH 31, 2005

Cutler	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$129,318	$9,368	7.81%	$137,644	$8,326	6.44%
Instructional Salaries	$1,208,309	$41,905	3.59%	$1,231,034	$22,725	1.88%
Instructional Expenses	$55,200	$2,844	5.43%	$62,050	$6,850	12.41%
Utilities	$64,300	-$900	-1.38%	$72,500	$8,200	12.75%
Maintenance	$72,723	$23,373	47.36%	$69,085	-$3,638	-5.00%
Custodial Salaries	$71,350	$1,996	2.88%	$71,350	$0	0.00%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$6,188	$3,188	106.27%	$7,801	$1,613	26.07%
Health Services	$22,122	-$32	-0.14%	$26,503	$4,381	19.80%
Other Expenses		$0		$4,221	$4,221	
Subtotal	$1,629,510	$81,741	5.28%	$1,682,187	$52,678	3.23%

Winthrop	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$130,329	$9,444	7.81%	$137,518	$7,189	5.52%
Instructional Salaries	$1,228,758	$75,324	6.53%	$1,289,351	$60,593	4.93%
Instructional Expenses	$51,911	-$7,589	-12.75%	$62,220	$10,309	19.86%
Utilities	$94,000	$10,500	12.57%	$87,000	-$7,000	-7.45%
Maintenance	$58,621	$11,921	25.53%	$67,735	$9,114	15.55%
Custodial Salaries	$71,350	$1,996	2.88%	$71,350	$0	0.00%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$6,923	$3,923	130.77%	$8,555	$1,632	23.57%
Health Services	$47,972	$7,215	17.70%	$27,503	-$20,469	-42.67%
Other Expenses		$0		$4,221	$4,221	
Subtotal	$1,689,864	$112,734	7.15%	$1,755,453	$65,589	3.88%

Buker	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Offices' Salaries	$123,697	$14,721	13.51%	$131,366	$7,669	6.20%
Instructional Salaries	$826,082	$109,478	15.28%	$863,604	$37,522	4.54%
Instructional Expenses	$34,250	-$800	-2.28%	$41,310	$7,060	20.61%
Utilities	$77,700	-$5,200	-6.27%	$78,200	$500	0.64%
Maintenance	$50,900	$9,000	21.48%	$64,234	$13,334	26.20%
Custodial Salaries	$73,485	$4,181	6.03%	$73,485	$0	0.00%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$6,188	$3,188	106.27%	$7,800	$1,612	26.05%
Health Services	$22,197	-$332	-1.47%	$26,578	$4,381	19.74%
Other Expenses		$0		$4,120	$4,120	
Subtotal	$1,214,499	$134,236	12.43%	$1,290,697	$76,198	6.27%

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED FY06 BUDGET
MARCH 31, 2005

Middle School	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$233,263	$9,437	4.22%	$238,199	$4,936	2.12%
Instructional Salaries	$1,988,150	$294,176	17.37%	$2,174,993	$186,843	9.40%
Instructional Expenses	$93,858	-$14,788	-13.61%	$128,700	$34,842	37.12%
Utilities	$130,000	$9,500	7.88%	$139,000	$9,000	6.92%
Maintenance	$85,350	$27,000	46.27%	$70,413	-$14,937	-17.50%
Custodial Salaries	$121,751	$17,314	16.58%	$121,751	$0	0.00%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$23,827	-$602	-2.46%	$21,079	-$2,748	-11.53%
Health Services	$41,252	$789	1.95%	$43,127	$1,875	4.55%
Other Expenses		$0		$7,963	$7,963	
Subtotal	$2,717,451	$342,826	14.44%	$2,945,225	$227,774	8.38%

High School	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$302,168	$18,221	6.42%	$312,946	$10,778	3.57%
Instructional Salaries	$3,525,996	$320,286	9.99%	$3,808,580	$282,584	8.01%
Instructional Expenses	$141,801	-$702	-0.49%	$177,800	$35,999	25.39%
Utilities	$197,000	$9,000	4.79%	$207,000	$10,000	5.08%
Maintenance	$101,340	$21,440	26.83%	$110,854	$9,514	9.39%
Custodial Salaries	$156,153	$4,447	2.93%	$156,153	$0	0.00%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$219,309	-$78,324	-26.32%	$358,376	$139,067	63.41%
Health Services	$43,446	$894	2.10%	$44,151	$705	1.62%
Other Expenses		$0		$8,469	$8,469	
Subtotal	$4,687,213	$295,262	6.72%	$5,184,328	$497,116	10.61%

Special Education	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$148,035	$4,039	2.81%	$161,901	$13,866	9.37%
Instructional Salaries	$2,545,859	$387,213	17.94%	$2,881,697	$335,838	13.19%
Instructional Expenses	$26,235	-$207,700	-88.79%	$211,034	$184,799	704.40%
Utilities	$21,280	-$1,000	-4.49%	$24,500	$3,220	15.13%
Transportation	$249,050	-$82,914	-24.98%	$296,532	$47,482	19.07%
Out-of-District Tuition	$1,007,700	$26,132	2.66%	$844,925	-$162,775	-16.15%
Other Expenses		$0		$2,606	$2,606	
Subtotal	$3,998,159	$125,770	3.25%	$4,423,195	$425,036	10.63%

Central Offices	04-05 Bud.	Change	% Chng	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$607,380	$46,433	8.28%	$598,203	-$9,176	-1.51%
Instructional Salaries	$350,559	$79,846	29.49%	$370,613	$20,054	5.72%
Custodial Salaries	$41,655	$13,146	46.11%	$41,315	-$340	-0.82%
Utilities	$29,000	-$1,000	-3.33%	$29,500	$500	1.72%
Health Services	$1,500	$0	0.00%	$2,250	$750	50.00%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,248,886	-$57,521	-2.49%	$2,455,950	$207,064	9.21%
Transportation	$555,326	$68,430	14.05%	$582,646	$27,320	4.92%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip.	$102,500	$35,682	53.40%	$166,000	$63,500	61.95%
Curriculum & Instruction/Staff Development	$32,255	-$12,198	-27.44%	$60,453	$28,198	87.42%
Maintenance	$324,736	$53,884	19.89%	$258,111	-$66,625	-20.52%
Misc. Expenses	$279,835	$75,940	37.24%	$245,108	-$34,727	-12.41%
Other Expenses		$0		$15,248	$15,248	
Subtotal	$4,573,632	$302,642	7.09%	$4,825,398	$251,766	5.50%

APPENDIX NO. 4

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

FY	* $4,550,000 ** School 91 Project	* $24,781,000 ** School 97 Project	* $1,300,000 ** School Boiler	4.54% * $1,294,000 Joint Library	4.54% * $350,000 Lease Buy-out	4.54% $245,000 * Fire Truck	4.54% * $244,000 Town Hall	Estimated 4.50% * $4,456,000 Town Hall	Estimated 4.20% $72,000 * Iron Rail Boiler	Estimated 4.50% $505,000 * Fire Truck	Total Payments	Tax Rate Impact	4.54% $1,471,000 Water Tank
											FY06 est. values $782,349,332		
2006	66,285	212,951	49,440	115,658	32,088	26,982	23,935	336,520	12,520	45,200	921,579	1.18	127,085
2007	64,008	214,303	48,244	112,858	31,288	26,183	23,335	344,400	12,100	44,200	920,919	1.18	124,085
2008	66,009	216,737	47,048	110,058	30,488	25,383	22,735	342,650	11,680	43,200	915,988	1.17	121,085
2009	65,311	216,805	45,752	107,258	29,688	24,583	22,135	345,675	6,260	47,200	910,667	1.16	118,085
2010	55,330	219,251	44,356	104,388	28,868	23,763	21,520	343,250	6,050	46,000	892,776	1.14	115,010
2011	42,823	218,626	42,861	101,448	28,028	22,923	20,890	340,600	5,840	44,800	868,839	1.11	111,860
2012	0	221,709	41,366	103,438	27,168	17,062	20,245	342,725	5,630	43,600	822,943	1.05	108,635
2013		221,684	0	100,063	26,268	16,388	19,570	344,400	5,420	47,400	781,193	1.00	105,260
2014		221,964		96,613	25,348	15,698	18,880	340,625	5,210	46,000	770,338	0.98	101,810
2015		222,801		88,125	19,418	0	18,183	341,625		44,600	734,752	0.94	98,323
2016		224,234		84,800	18,705		12,470	342,175		48,200	730,584	0.93	99,760
2017		225,506		71,440	17,985		11,990	342,275		46,600	715,796	0.91	95,920
2018		227,184		68,500	17,250		11,500	341,925		45,000	711,359	0.91	92,000
2019		227,497		60,500	16,500		11,000	341,125		43,400	700,022	0.89	88,000
2020		0		57,750	15,750		10,500	344,875		46,800	475,675	0.61	84,000
2021				0	0		0	342,950			342,950	0.44	0
2022								345,575			345,575	0.44	
2023								342,525			342,525	0.44	
2024								344,025			344,025	0.44	
								344,850			344,850	0.44	
Totals	425,623	3,322,767	369,406	1,501,355	397,728	226,747	293,423	6,854,770	85,734	682,200	14,159,753	0.88 Avg. Impact	1,721,003

* Debt Exclusion

** School Debt is estimated based on current statistical information (this will change from year to year as statistical data changes.)

NOTE: Authorized & Unissued:

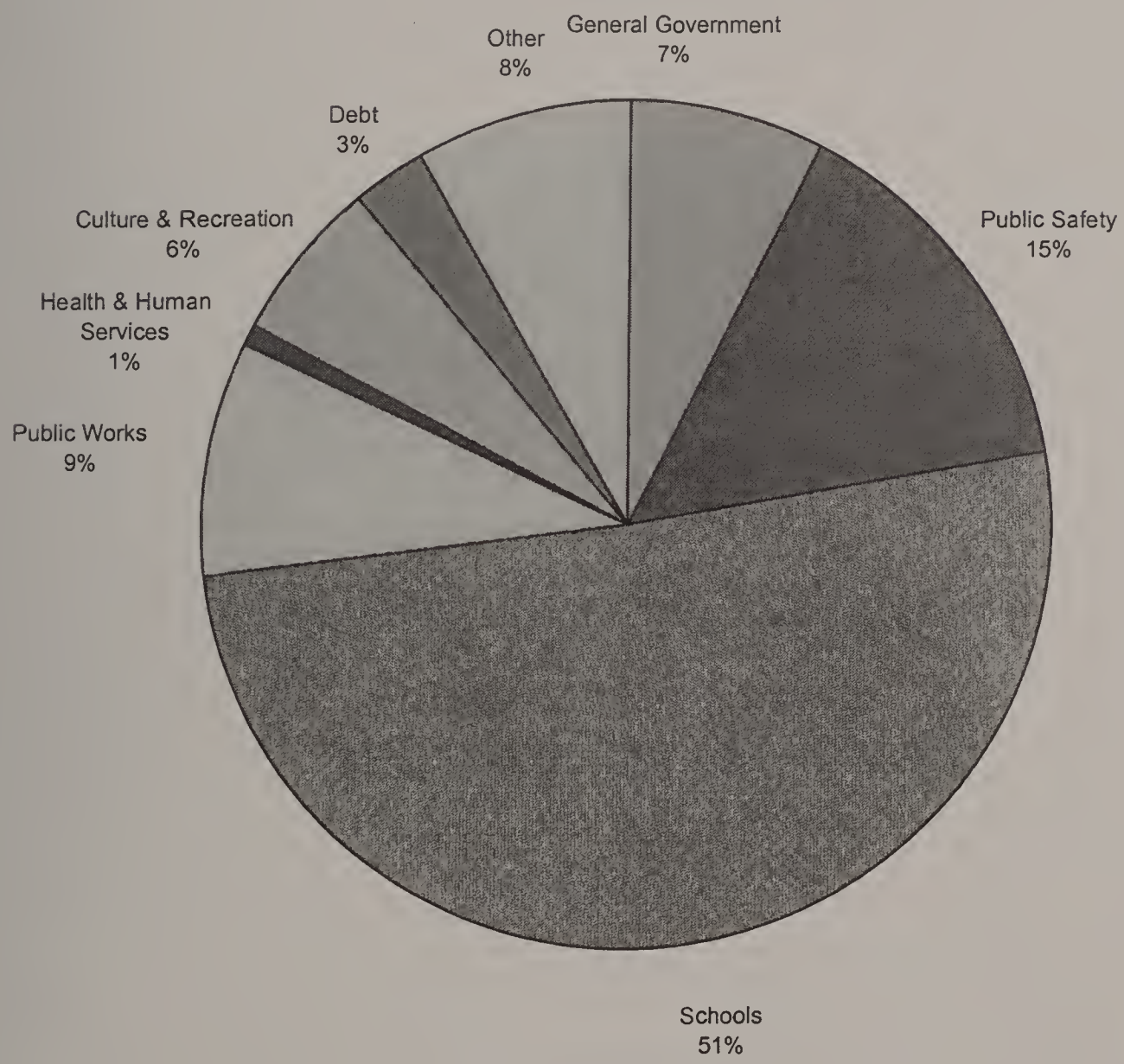
Town Hall / Police Project	$3,405,500	($3,700,000 Voted ATM 5/4/02 less $244,000 Transferred from Water Tank Project and $50,500 Bond Anticipation Note taken in FY05)
Iron Rail Boiler	$500	($72,000 less $71,500 Bond Anticipation Note taken in FY05)
Fire Truck	$505,000	
Lord's Hill Water Tank	$350,000	

NOTE: Debt payments that were raised in FY05 for the Town Hall/Police Station Budget ($261,152) will be encumbered for FY06. Therefore, the amount of money raised for debt service in FY06 for the Town Hall/Police Station will be zero.

APPENDIX NO. 5

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

THIS IS HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT



FIVE YEAR VALUATION AND TAX RATE HISTORY

FISCAL YEAR	VALUATION	TAX RATE / $1,000 VALUE
2001	$493,070,598	$12.71
2002	$600,635,231	$11.62
2003	$687,618,285	$11.03
2004	$692,245,572	$11.59
2005	$745,094,602	$11.91

APPENDIX NO. 6

RESERVE FUND AND FREE CASH SUMMARIES

RESERVE FUND & FREE CASH SUMMARIES

RESERVE FUND 2004-2005

Listed are the transfers voted by your Finance and Advisory Committee from July 1, 2004 through March 30, 2005 from the Reserve Fund of $160,536 created at the Annual Town Meeting

Iron Rail Expense (Heating System)	$ 7,750.00
AFSCME Contract Settlement	10,117.00
Assessor's Expense	3,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	$ 20,867.00
BALANCE AS OF 3-30-04	$ 139,669.00

CERTIFIED FREE CASH (As of July 1st)
1992-2004

2004	$631,437
2003	803,578
2002	687,915
2001	691,247
2000	996,102
1999	765,593
1998	361,970
1997	532,444
1996	809,190
1995	770,128
1994	451,910
1993	317,065
1992	390,398

APPENDIX NO. 7

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meeting. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of their meaning, the following definitions are provided:

Balance as of 3-30-05

FREE CASH: **$631,437**

Free cash is a community's unrestricted available funds that may be used as a funding source for appropriations. Free Cash is generated when actual revenue collections exceeds budgeted estimates and when actual expenditures are less than budgeted appropriations, or a combination of both.

OVERLAY: (Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions) **$131,725**

An account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions, and uncollected taxes in that year. This amount is provided by the Board of Assessors and is raised on the tax recapitulation sheet.

STABILIZATION FUND: **$406,881**

A fund designed to accumulate funds for capital and other future spending purposes. A community may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding 10% of the tax levy of the preceding year for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund. Amounts from this fund may be appropriated by a two-thirds vote, at a Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

RESERVE FUND: **$139,669**

An amount set aside annually within the budget of a Town, not to exceed 5% of the tax levy for the preceding year. Transfers from this fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance and Advisory Committee and are for "extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures."

CHERRY SHEET:

An official notification from the State (originally printed on cherry-colored paper), which itemizes State Aid due to communities, as well as State and County charges assessed to communities. The resulting net receipt of funds is used by the Town to offset the "Amount to be Raised". The Cherry Sheet is usually received from the State in the Fall and is necessary before the Board of Assessors can set the tax rate.

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US POSTAGE
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WENHAM, MA
PERMIT 135

POSTAL PATRON
WENHAM, MA 01984

PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005
1:00 P.M.

AT THE BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL

TOWN OF WENHAM

2005
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
PART 1

TOWN REPORTS

PART I 2005

To all the citizens of Wenham:

Your Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this report of our Town's activities in 2005, the twenty-fifth year under Proposition 2 ½ and the sixth of the new millennium.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 2006**. The Warrant for this meeting along with the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Committee and this Board, will be found in the separate booklet, Part II. We hope you will study it before the hearing on the budget, which will be held at **Buker School** on **Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.** We trust you will give this budget your consideration and come to the meetings prepared to participate actively in our deliberations.

THOMAS TANOUS, Chairman
PETER A. HERSEE
DONALD PICKARD

Cover Photo: Conservation Restricted Land – Corner of Cherry and Pleasant Street

ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THOMAS TANOUS, CHAIRMAN, PETER A. HERSEE, DONALD PICKARD

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

ELECTED OFFICIALS 2005 – 2006

MODERATOR
Paul D. Weaver (2006) 2007

TOWN CLERK
Frances Harte Young (2006) 2007

SELECTMEN
Thomas Tanous, Chairman (2007)
~~Donald J. Pickard (2006)~~ JOHN CLEMENZI 2009
Peter A. Hersee (2008)

ASSESSORS (RESIGNED 08/01/2006 APPT 2007)
John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman, Appt. (2006)
John DeSimone, Appt. (2006) ELECTED 2008
~~David Bonnette, Appt.~~ (2006)
LAWRENCE SWARTZ 2007

RICHARD FLEMING APPT. TO MAY 2007

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Dorothy Maciejowski, Chairman (2008)
Charles A. Brigham, resigned
Dana P. Bagnell ~~(2006)~~ 2009
Richard Caves, Appt. ~~(2006)~~ 2007 ELECTED

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. Miguel A. Martinez, Chairman (2007)
Gerald Donnellan ~~(2006)~~ 2009
Dorothy D. Maciejowski (2008)

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Phyllis L. Sullivan, Chairman (2007)
Elizabeth A. Armington (2009)
James J. Stelline (2008)
Marion D'Ambrosio ~~(2006)~~ 2011
Marcia A. Molay (State Appointee)

TREE WARDEN
Pierre Erhard (2006) 2007

HAMILTON-WENHAM
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Wendy Daynes, Chairman (2008) Wenham
Doris Gallant (2007) Wenham
Annette Janes (2006) Hamilton 2009 AT LARGE
Madelyn Liberti (2007) Hamilton
Joanne Ridinger (2008) Hamilton
Elizabeth Stanton (2006) Hamilton 2009 AT LARGE

PLANNING BOARD
David E. Geikie, Chairman (2008)
Donald J. Killam, Jr. (2010)
Virginia L. Rogers (2007)
Gretchen W. Roorbach ~~(2006)~~ 2011
Ernest S. Dodge (2009)

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Catherine A. Harrison, Chairman (2008)
~~Nancy A. Morse (2006)~~ LAURIE J. WILSON 2009
~~William Patten (2006)~~ JOHN JOSEPH O'KEEFE 2009
Donald E. Gallant (2007) ALEXA MCCLOUGHAN 2009
~~Elaine M. Carey (2006)~~
William F. Martin (2008)
Richard L. Boroff (2008)
Denise Bisaillon (2007)
Lisa Gaquin (2007)

WATER COMMISSIONERS
Richard K. Quateman, Chairman (2008)
Richard M. Carnevale ~~(2006)~~ 2009
Benjamin B. Tymann (2007)

RESIGNED

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ASSESSORS: JOHN WILHELM APPT. TO 05/05/07
RESIGNED 08/01/2006

ELECTED STATE AND NATIONAL SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT
Representative (4th Essex District)
Bradford Hill
Senator (1st. Essex & Middlesex District)
Bruce E. Tarr

UNITED STATES CONGRESS
Representative (6th District)
John F. Tierney
Senators
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

Vitale Fly Ash Reclamation Project - Wenham Lake

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED 2005 - 2006

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Jeffrey A. Chelgren
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE
Nichole Hagstrom
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Richard Viscay
TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Sarah F. Johnson
ASST. TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Kathleen McMahon
ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANTS
Stephen Gasperoni PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR
Shirley Cashman
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
Daniel Lynch
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER
Bruce D. Blanchard
SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK
A. Winslow Dodge
PERMITTING OFFICE
Kathleen Teel
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
Charles Brett
OIL BURNER INSPECTOR
Jeffrey Baxter
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
~~William Thomas~~ KEVIN DASH 06-07
INSPECTOR OF WIRES
Robert B. Brown, Jr.

TOWN COUNSEL
Paul D. Weaver

ADA COORDINATOR
Bruce D. Blanchard

AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH
John Jacobi

BURIAL AGENT
John A. Pews

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER AND MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK
Harold W. Boothroyd

DESIGNEE TO WATERSHED DISTRICT
Bruce D. Blanchard

SUSAN L. MEHLIN
02/05/07 - 6/30/2008

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JOHN O. WILHELM 3 YEAR TERM 07/26/2006 TO 2009
Lawrence Swartz, Chairman (2006)
Deborah H. Evans (2007)
Thomas Kyrouz (2008)
Scott B. Mackintosh (2007)
Scott Spearing (2008) RESIGNED 01/12/2007
Henry H. Wieman (2006)
STE FISCHER 61 MAIN STREET

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
James R. Westra, Chairman (2007)
Anthony M. Feeherry (2006)
Jonathan A. Stringer (2008)
Associate Members
Francis J. McNamara III
Timothy Mansfield

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE
Patrick Wilson, Chairman
Herbert Cheeseman
Gregory Heppner
Renee MacDonald
Susan Quateman
Virginia Rogers
Jennifer Tymann
Jamie White

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Patrick Wilson, Chair (2008)
Leo Maestranzi (2006)
Roland Bonnette (2006)
Robert Burnett (2007)
Philip Colarusso (2007)
Malcolm Reid (2007)
Kenneth Whittaker (2008)
Linda Hansen, Coordinator

IRON RAIL COMMISSION
Charles J. Thibeault, Chairman (resigned 5/05)
Tara Rand, Chairman (2006)
A. Winslow Dodge (2006)
William P. Hidden (2007)
James Perkins (2007)
Ted Wadsworth (2006)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Alton Klebe, Chairman (2006)
Robert Corcoran (2006)
Tyson Goodridge (2006)
Michael Lucy (2008)
David Mehlin (2007)
Jennifer Tymann (2007)
Thomas Zampell (2008)
JAMES HOWARD TO 6/20/2008

WISSH
Susan M. Harnisch, Chairman (2008)
Sue Bannon (2008)
Susan Carp (2006)
Albert W. Dodge, Jr. (2007)
Jack Hauck (2006)
Donald Killam (2007)
Donald F. Luxton (2008)
Calvin M. Perkins (2006)
Margaret Scoglio (2008)
Ann Mulry Shaw (2008)
Thomas Tanous (2007)
Kenneth M. Walsh (2006)

COUNCIL ON AGING
Jack Hauck, Chairman (2007)
Richard Eddy (2008)
Mary Kelly (2008)
Lucille Lynch (2007)
Jean Marchant (2008)
Barbara Morrell (2007) RESIGNED
Jane Richardson (2006)
Kit Richardson (2007)
Merle E. Welsh (2006)
JEAN EDDY (2007)

COUNCIL ON AGING OUTREACH COORDINATOR
Trudy L. Reid

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Frances deLacvivier, Chairman
Laura Carrigan
Tisha Charman
Albert W. Dodge, Jr.
Sue Evans
Mary Hull
Betsey Miller
Lauren Prior
Susan Quateman
Moira Riccio
Conrad Wilhelm

FENCE VIEWERS
Peter A. Hersee
Donald Pickard
Thomas Tanous

BOARD OF ELECTION REGISTRARS
Trudy L. Reid (2006)
David Lund (2007)
Helen Mulry (2008)
Frances H. Young, Registrar Ex Officio

ELECTION WARDEN
Phyllis L. Sullivan

ELECTION OFFICERS
Bryan J. Armington
Elizabeth A. Armington
Michelle Lanae Bailey
Polly B. Beyer
Barbara R. Black
Margaret W. Bode
Nancy A. Brown
Marion D. D'Ambrosio
Agnes F. Dawson
Juliana F. Dodge
Joan W. Erhard
Marilyn E. Flynn
Doris L. Gallant
Stephen B. Gasperoni
Monique B. Greilich
Sarah F. Johnson
Carol E. Kelley
Jo-Ann F. Lund
Lucille G. Lynch
Dorothy D. Maciejowski
Jean C. Marchant
Cynthia B. McCue
A. Homer McCue
Paul E. Mendonca
Janice Merry
Barbara Morrell
Debra A. Morong
Jane Richardson
Lauren M. Swartz
Mary E. Wedgwood

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
William F. MacKenzie, Jr. (retired 8/05)
Kenneth M. Walsh

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Robert Blanchard

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD
Peter A. Hersee, Wenham
Daniel Lynch, Wenham
William F. MacKenzie, Jr., Wenham (retired 8/05)
Kenneth M. Walsh, Wenham
Calvin M. Perkins, Wenham (retired 12/05)
Robert Blanchard, Wenham
Anne-Marie Cullen, Hamilton
Walter Cullen, Hamilton
Steven Kenney, Hamilton
Philip Stevens, Hamilton

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Carol Larocque
ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Laura Ktistes
ANIMAL INSPECTOR
Anne Jackman
INDIGINOUS ANIMAL CONTROL
Stephen Kavanagh

POLICE
William F. MacKenzie, Jr. Chief (retired 8/05)
Kenneth M. Walsh, Chief (appointed 9/05)
Lawrence E. Kavanagh, Lieutenant
Sergeant Thomas C. Perkins
Sergeant Jeffrey W. Tobey
Detective Mark Fraser
Patrolman David J. Doyle
Patrolman Jonathan B. Gray
Patrolman Christopher J. Machain
Patrolman Michael Mscisz
Patrolman Donald Woodbury

Susan M. Hersee, Secretary
Mark Fraser, Keeper of the Lock-up
Shane Kavanagh, Keeper of the Lock-up
Chad Labrie, Keeper of the Lock-up
Paul Mendonca, Constable
Brent Morong, Constable
Dean Pedersen, Chaplain

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS
Sr. Reserve Officer Matthew Almeida
Sr. Reserve Officer Robert C. Breaker
Sr. Reserve Officer William J. Foley
Sr. Reserve Officer Timothy H. Ingraham
Sr. Reserve Officer David Marsh
Sr. Reserve Officer Brent T. Morong
Sr. Reserve Officer Michael F. Perry
Sr. Reserve Officer Brian J. Pratt
Sr. Reserve Officer Paul B. Rideout

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS (CONT'D)
Sr. Reserve Officer Richard Sherry
Sr. Reserve Officer Stanley T. Trocki, Jr.
Basic Reserve Officer Brian S. Bibeau
Basic Reserve Officer Michael Chase
Basic Reserve Officer Ryan W. Davis
Basic Reserve Officer Joy Fleck
Basic Reserve Officer Michael Henebury
Basic Reserve Officer Shane Kavanagh
Basic Reserve Officer Laura Ktistes
Basic Reserve Officer Chad Labrie
Basic Reserve Officer Steven T. Trocki

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS
Brian Bibeau
Michael Chase
Ryan Davis
Joy Fleck
Michael Henebury
Shane Kavanagh
Laura Ktistes
Chad Labrie
Steven Trocki

POLICE MATRONS
Judy Fastino
Susan Hersee
Cynthia Shaw
Beatrice Silva
Laura Wheatley
Caroline Wilichoski

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Calvin M. Perkins, Chief (retired 12/05)
Robert A. Blanchard, Acting Chief
Stephen Kavanagh, Acting Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Baxter, Acting Captain, Fire Prevention Officer
Daniel Sullivan, Acting Captain
Robert Brown, Lieutenant
Eric Fowler, Lieutenant
Thomas Raymond, Lieutenant
John Joyce, Acting Lieutenant
David Raymond, Acting Lieutenant
Thomas Curran, Senior Firefighter
Eric Johnson, Senior Firefighter
Jeffrey A. O'Brien, Senior Firefighter
Leonard Tuneburg, Senior Firefighter
Richard Bertone
Michael Binns
Kenneth Burke
Thomas Churches
Joseph Cloutier
Francis Eldridge
Katherine Dwyer
Mark Gates

FIRE DEPARTMENT (CONT'D)
Brian Headley
Christopher Jones
Michael Jones
William Jones
Walter Leszczynski Sr.
Kevin MacDonald
William Pantos
John Pews
Andrew Reardon
Brad Saunders
Michael Symes
Robert Viel
Robert Wallace
William Wildes

HAMILTON-WENHAM LIBRARY
Jan Dempsey, Director
Diane Barrett
Elizabeth Bellucci
~~Elizabeth Craig-McCormack~~
Jeannine Curtis
Karen D'Ambrosio
Nancy Day
Brett Debose
Lorraine Der
William Devitt
Suzanne Liacos-Dix
Janet Dykstra
Kelly Flynn
Josh Lear
David Lindsay, Jr.
Barbara Morrell
Julie Preston

HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL
Joanne Jones, Co-Chair, Wenham (2008)
Margaret Crossan, Wenham (2008)
Helen Ribet, Wenham (2006)
Theresa Weinheimer, Wenham (2007)
Chris Eaton, Co-Chair, Hamilton
Sara DelRio, Hamilton
Mary Anne Ciriello, Hamilton
Mary Jo Favazzo, Hamilton
Meredith Gisness, Hamilton

HAMILTON-WENHAM JOINT RECREATION
Lindle Willnow, Chairman, Hamilton
Denis Curran, Jr., Wenham (2006)
Robert Kerrigan, Wenham (2007)
Renee L. MacDonald, Wenham (2008)
David Parry, Hamilton
Adam Teal, Hamilton
Maggie Whitesell, Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Bill Furber, Chairman, Wenham
Tom Bishop, Wenham
Jeff Ham, Wenham
Margaret Whittaker, Wenham
Tom Cannon, Hamilton
Charlie Carrigan, Hamilton
Dick Hewitt, Hamilton
Rob McKean, Hamilton

MAPC
Theodore Wadsworth (2006)

MBTA
Don Costin (2006)

NORTH SHORE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
William O. Nichols (2006)

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT VETERANS' SERVICES
Terrance Hart, Director

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Jeff Chelgren
Peter Hersee
Sarah Johnson
Richard Jones
Lawrence Swartz
Richard Viscay

AD HOC COMMITTEES

TOWN HALL & POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (5/2002)
John Darling, Chairman
Donald Bannon
Tod Brainard
Jeff Chelgren
John Clemenzi
Harriet Davis
Albert W. Dodge, Jr. (resigned 10/05)
Stanley Dodge
Richard Gourdeau (resigned 10/05)
Douglas Hall (resigned 10/05)
James Howard
David Mehlin
William Nichols
James Purdy (resigned 10/05)
Richard Quinn (resigned 10/05)
Thomas Tanous
Benjamin Tymann
Kenneth Walsh
Kenneth Whittaker

ROUTE 97 LIGHT COMMITTEE (1/2003)
Thomas Tanous, Ex-officio
Daniel Lynch, Director of Public Works
Gerald Donnellan
Don Killam
Bessie Marlyn Oro
Robert Moroney

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (6/2005)
David Carey
Daniel Chansky
Jeff Chelgren
Chuck Cooke
Steve Loeper
Eric Lustig
Nick Pollard
Bill Tyack
Candace Wheeler

BOULDER LANE STUDY COMMITTEE (8/2005)
Daniel Beckman
Gregory Redinbo
Michael Parker
Donald Hodgman

Annual Report of the Wenham Board of Selectmen

To Our Fellow Citizens and Residents:

The year 2005 has been a year of transition and change. It has been a year that has required a great amount of time by your selectmen to assure that the will of the people of the Town of Wenham was fulfilled. It was, and continues to be, a year in which our resources were stretch practically to the limit. Only because of careful management and oversight by all who are responsible for the well being of our wonderful town did we have a successful fiscal and calendar year.

All of us know that the cost of maintaining our life style is going up and up. It is no different in the running of our town! The cost of running our town must be constantly considered and all of us must be willing to look carefully at the services and programs we are providing and decide if we want or need them to be provided by our town. If we decide we want the services and programs as well as some new service(s), we must be ready to pay for them.

We have beseeched the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through our two capable legislators, Representative Brad Hill and Senator Bruce Tarr, for relief from mandated programs. They are also seeking funding for other activities that are occurring in Wenham such as the traffic control light on Topsfield Road and affordable housing that is needed in our community.

As time moves on, so do people who work for us as town employees. This past year we have seen our Police Chief William Mackenzie and Fire Chief Calvin Perkins retire after many years of public service to our community. Both rose through the ranks to achieve the rank of chief. They have been responsible for many improvements in our public safety departments and they always had the needs of Wenham at the center of their service to us. We wish them well. Wenham has been very fortunate to have successors to our chiefs available, once again, from the ranks of each department. The selectmen were pleased to appoint Deputy Police Chief Kenneth Walsh to Police Chief as of September 1, 2005. In December 2005 the selectman appointed Deputy Fire Chief Robert Blanchard to Acting Fire Chief.

Other new department leaders were also appointed this past calendar year. Jan Dempsey was appointed Library Director and Sara Johnson was appointed Treasurer/ Collector. Both succeeded individuals moved on to new employment opportunities elsewhere in New England. As this is being written Public Works Director Daniel Lynch has announced his retirement and Finance Director/ Town Accountant Richard Viscay has decided to accept a new position as Finance Director in Salem.

After much deliberation by you the citizens as well as town officials several changes in our community occurred. The Community Preservation Act was adopted at the October Special Town Meeting and the approved 3% surcharge was placed on our tax bills. The

benefits of this new act will be presented to all of us at the annual Town Meeting, May 6, 2006.

The saga of the Town Hall/Police Station continued and the October Special Town Meeting changed what the Building Committee proposed. You, the people of the town, decided to direct your officials to return to the original proposal of renovating the Town Hall and building a separate Police Station. The selectmen reconstituted the Building Committee with John Darling remaining as chair and the committee is proceeding in accordance with your wishes.

After many years of planning the Cemetery Commission voted to open the Iron Rail Cemetery. This cemetery should serve Wenham's needs for many years to come.

The town has a new contract with Comcast for our local cable television that was negotiated for us by our new Technology Committee. They negotiated a ten-year contract that we approved which over time gives Hamilton and Wenham one million dollars to be used to improve our television capabilities. A similar contract is being negotiated with Verizon. Soon both companies will be competing for our individual business.

Our bicycle/pedestrian path program is progressing as planned. Grapevine Road from Gordon College to the Iron Rail has been built and the hope is to complete Grapevine Road this summer and start work on Larch Row. Many thanks to the committee led by Frances DeLacvivier. Their determination and hard work in raising funds for this program has produced sidewalks and bike paths that all of us will enjoy for years to come.

Another community group that was created in 2005 is the Pleasant Pond Neighborhood Association. They have worked since spring to improve the conditions at Pleasant Pond and to make it a pleasant recreational place for the entire community. Their work is ongoing and is deserving of our support.

Much of what is done in our community for our community and its citizens is done without fanfare. This is accomplished by the multitude of people on the committees listed on the following pages. Please read the list and take time to thank the volunteers who are serving for the work done by them at no cost to the town. Without their willingness to volunteer and do the work much would not be accomplished. And on that note, we are still in need of more volunteers.

In closing we would like to thank our staff and all volunteers for all that they have done during this past year for the well being of all citizens and residents of Wenham.

Peter Hersee
Donald Pickard
Thomas Tanous, Chairman

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

2005 MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (Community Preservation Act; 181 Main Street Land Purchase; Purchase of Fire Department Ladder Truck/Quint)	MARCH 22
SPECIAL ELECTION (Purchase of Ladder Truck/Quint)	MARCH 31
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING	MAY 7
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION (School Operating Budget)	MAY 12
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (School Operating Budget)	JUNE 16
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (Town Hall/Police Station Building Project)	OCTOBER 5
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION (Town Hall/Police Station Building Project)	OCTOBER 12

2005 was the year for many meetings and special elections as the Town considered and reconsidered such difficult questions as the Community Preservation Act and most especially the Town Hall/Police Station Building Project. Minutes from the meetings and results from the elections may be found on the following pages.

On a sad note, Janice Merry retired as an Election Registrar after many years of faithful service, early mornings, late nights. Fortunately, Janice will remain as an election officer, so we will still benefit from her cheerful smile and good humor.

Two new Election Registrars were appointed during the year. David F. Lund and Helen K. Mulry are learning the ropes, especially with all the hands-on experience of this past year.

Responsibilities of the Town Clerk include the setup and running of all elections and the recording and reporting of each, as well as the certification and permanent recording of all transactions of every town meeting. All bylaw and zoning bylaw changes must be filed, along with certifications of the Town's votes on the changes, with the State Attorney General.

In addition to elections, the Town Clerk is responsible for the taking and recording of the annual census, from which are generated the voter list, street list, school population projections, senior citizen statistics, and any general information as required.

The Clerk must record and file all birth, marriage and death certificates for the town, as well as be prepared to issue certified copies of such material upon

request. Marriage licenses are drawn up in the Clerk's office. Genealogical searches and services are also provided.

Numerous items are available from the Clerk's office, including dog tags and licenses, small business certificates, raffle permits, and hunting and fishing licenses, as well as Highway Department recyling tags.

POPULATION AS OF JUNE 2005

Residents	3820
Gordon College Students	1341
Total	5161

REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR TOWN MEETING: 2557

Democratic Party	495
Libertarian Party	8
Republican Party	792
Interdependent Third Party (Political Designation)	2
No Party (Unenrolled)	1260

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 431, which prohibits the sale or distribution of the names of children under the age of seventeen, births are not published in the Town Report. The total number of births recorded in Wenham for 2005 is 32.

DEATHS 2005

Alice Freeman (91)
Elizabeth F. Knowlton (80)
James H. Bentley (82)
Hazel M. Davenport (92)
James W. MacFarlane (85)
Dorothy M. Couture (87)
Cornelius C. Felton, Jr. (87)
Lillian F. Goodhue (81)
Clare A. Benson (94)
Michael W. Frangos (76)
Joseph Pargoli (82)
Alice P. Andrews (88)
Joseph Anthony Cardamone (20)
Irene G. Moser (87)
Kathleen Southwick (77)
Lipica Pradhan (38)
Bernard A. Jones (81)
Mary Kimball Polsonetti (72)
Martha G. Little (95)
Ralph Earl York (78)
Betty J. DeCarlo (79)
Alston Philip Thompson, Jr. (74)
Roland N. Senechal(78)
Walter Joseph Mansfield, Jr. (64)
Kenneth H. Premo (81)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
BIRTHS	31	44	36	42	35	32
MARRIAGES	9	8	8	8	10	9
DEATHS	25	33	31	26	29	25

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2005 for sales of: Highway Department recycling tags; recycling bins; Small Business Certificates; street lists; marriage licenses; certified copies of birth, marriage and death certificates; dog tags and licenses; voter lists and dog lists; miscellaneous

$6,581.00

TOWN OF WENHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 22, 2005

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Tuesday the twenty-second of March, 2005, at seven-thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, and to vote on the ballot question at the Special Town Election on Thursday, the thirty-first day of March, 2005, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM.

ARTICLE 1 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (CPA)

To see if the Town will accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive,of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to determine the amount of such surcharge on real property as a percentage of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; to determine whether the Town will accept any of the exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2 PURCHASE OF LAND - 181 MAIN STREET (M.G.L. CHAPTER 61A)

To see what action the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take with respect to the exercise and determination of use or disposition of the land, or assignment, of the Chapter 61A option to purchase a parcel of land at 181 Main Street, shown on Assessors Map 13, as lot 138 at a purchase price not to exceed $2.6 million, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3 BORROWING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND - 181 MAIN STREET

Provided the Town votes to authorize purchase of all or part of the land at 181 Main Street under Article 2, to see if the town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, or otherwise, a sum of money for the costs of the land purchase provided that said borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Mass. General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued

WARRANT (continued)

in order to pay for purchase of a parcel of land located at 181 Main Street, shown on Assessors Map 13, as lot 138," or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4 FIRE DEPARTMENT - PURCHASE OF LADDER TRUCK/QUINT

To see if the Town will appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, or otherwise, a sum of money for the purchase of a ladder truck/quint, provided that said borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Mass General Laws, Chapter 20, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, on the followiong question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for purchase of a ladder truck/quint," or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5 BYLAW AMENDMENT - WAIVER REGARDING VOTES REQUIRING A 2/3 VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter I of the Town Bylaws relating to Town Meetings by adding the following new section, or take any other action thereon:

Section 4: In the case of action on a matter which by statute requires a two-thirds vote, the Town vote may be declared by the Moderator without taking and recording a count, as provided in M.G. Laws Chapter 39, Section 15, unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters.

ARTICLE SIX TO ACT ON ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of March, 2005.

SIGNED: DONALD J. PICKARD, PETER A. HERSEE, THOMAS TANOUS, Selectmen

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 04 day of 03, 2005, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

SIGNED: BRENT MORONG, Constable of the Town of Wenham

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005
7:30PM

MODERATOR: Paul D. Weaver
TOWN CLERK: Frances H. Young

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Donald J. Pickard, Pater A. Hersee, Thomas Tanous

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Lawrence D. Swartz, Chairman, David E. Bonnette, Deborah M. Evans, Scott B. Mackintosh, Scott S. Spearing, Henry M. Weiman

REGISTRARS: Janice Merry, Trudy Reid, Frances Young

FLOOR TELLERS: Carol Kelley, Sarah Johnson, Doris Gallant, Lauren Swartz

QUORUM: 2% of 2568 registered voters = 51

PRESENT: 276

Moderator Paul D. Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:38PM. He announced that the requirements for a meeting had been met: presence of a Moderator and a Town Clerk; return of the Warrant; quorum. Rules of procedure were reviewed and the meeting then moved to a reading of Article 1 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (CPA).

After the reading, Patrick Wilson, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, gave an explanation of CPA and answered questions from the meeting. He pointed out that the fund would be managed by the Town Treasurer and that it would be a way for the Town to manage growth. Chapter 40B requires ten percent lower cost housing in a development and such developments could result in high density housing. CPA might allow this required kind of development to be done on our own terms. He also speculated that over a five year period as much as two million dollars might be raised.

Ernest Stone, Chairman of the Committee to Consider CPA answered more questions. Can the funds be used for current expenses? Yes. Are exemptions possible? Yes for those 60 or over, according to state law. Will the money be there from the state? Yes - the Governor has already tried to use the funds for other projects and has been stopped. When, approximately 2009, the funds begin to run out, towns which have been raising 3% are more more likely to be treated favorably.

It was also pointed out that after five years the Town can opt to pull out of the program.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE ONE Community Preservation Act (CPA)

To see if the Town of Wenham will accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to determine the amount of such surcharge on real property as a percentage of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; to determine whether the Town will accept any of the exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE ONE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (continued)

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN HEREBY ACCEPTS SECTIONS 3 TO 7, INCLUSIVE, OF CHAPTER 44B OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT, BY APPROVING A SURCHARGE ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSES PERMITTED BY SAID ACT, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION, CREATION, AND PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE, THE AQUISITION, REHABILITATION, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, THE ACQUISITION, CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE, THE CREATION, PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY HOUSING, AND THE REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF SUCH OPEN SPACE, LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND COMMUNITY HOUSING THAT IS ACQUIRED OR CREATED AS PROVIDED UNDER SAID ACT; THAT THE AMOUNT OF SUCH SURCHARGE ON REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE 3% OF THE ANNUAL REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY AGAINST REAL PROPERTY BEGINNING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2006; AND THAT THE TOWN HEREBY ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS FROM SUCH SURCHARGE PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 3(E) OF SAID ACT; PROPERTY OWNED AND OCCUPIED AS A DOMICILE BY ANY PERSON WHO QUALIFIES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING OR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME SENIOR HOUSING IN THE TOWN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF SAID ACT AND $100,000 OF THE VALUE OF EACH TAXABLE PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY PETER HERSEE, SELECTMAN, AND SECONDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2568 (51)
PRESENT: 276

VOTER CARDS
TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY

Moderator Weaver then proceeded to the reading of ARTICLE TWO - Purchase of Land - 181 Main Street (M.G.L. Chapter 61A). Following is an excerpt from the explanation of the article given by the Moderator.

"A potential development of a parcel of land, known to most of us as Albie Dodge's nursery for landscaping trees and shrubs for more than thirty years - where many of the Town trees he has planted as Tree Warden [nurturing them] before going into public service - has become a magnet for many themes seemingly repressed in our collective psyches, about the present and future of the Town:

OPEN SPACE AND DEVELOPMENT
DENSITY AND TRAFFIC
ELDER HOUSING
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
REAL ESTATE TAX POLICY
FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN et al

A series of almost biweekly public meetings exploring these themes have taken place over the past 10-12 weeks. Many citizens and other interested parties have come forward to share their thoughts on these matters. The result has been a profound lack of consensus about what course to follow on the specific issue before the Town. Perhaps we can only agree that the Town needs to do a better job of preparation and planning to lay out the policy priorities of the Town, so that they are ready to guide decisions on opportunities such as this one.

ARTICLE TWO DODGE PROPERTY PURCHASE - 181 MAIN STREET (continued)

"Here is the background. Chapter 61A provides an incentive for owners of land of 5 acres or more to maintain continuous active use of their land for agricultural and/or horticultural purposes. Owners who elect 61A treatment annually certify their present intent not to develop the property, and must demonstrate that they earn at least $500 per year from agricultural and horticultural pursuits. If this qualifying use changes, the owner is liable for four years of "roll back taxes," a disincentive to take the land out of farming use.

"If the owner proposes to sell the land for conversion to residential or commercial use, section 14 of Chapter 61A provides that the owner must first give the Town 120 days notice to exercise(statutorily provided) an option to buy the property for Town use, or to assign the option to purchase to a non-profit conservation organization under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, for the purpose of continuing the agricultural or horticultural use of the **major portion** of the property. In a case, such as here, where the owner has entered into a conditional agreement with a developer, the option price must match the price to which the developer is committed by contract. The price in this case is **$2.6 million**. If the Town takes no action, or waives the 61A option, the owner can proceed to sell to the developer.

"So you see, one of three basic things can happen after the town receives a 61A conversion notice: the town can buy, the town can assign, or the town can take no action, in which event the owner/developer may proceed with their private plans for new use of the land. Article 1 is before us tonight because two long stand Wenham families, the Dodge family, and the Gourdeau family, have signed a development agreement, and given the Town the notice required under 61A to convert the property to elder housing.

"As it happens, each of the Selectmen has endorsed a different one of these three outcomes. This means it is up to you, the Town Meeting, to decide which course of action will occur. To facilitate your consideration, the Selectmen have agreed on the following procedure. First, Mr. Tanous will move that the Town vote to purchase the land. Because a vote to purchase the land ultimately requires a 2/3 vote under Article 3 to borrow the purchase price, it requires the largest level of support. This motion will be conditioned on Article 2 passing by a majority and Article 3 by 2/3. If the motion to purchase fails at either vote, Mr. Pickard will then move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign the 61A option to a non-profit conservation organization, as noted above. While Mr. Hersee supports neither Mr. Tanous' motion nor Mr. Pickard's motion, he has agreed to second each motion to permit the Town Meeting to consider each in turn. If the motion to assign fails, the Town will have determined to follow the third alternative, that of taking no action."

The following notes from the Moderator advise the Meeting on what may be expected from a selected action.

"If you vote to buy, the Town will acquire ownership of the land, borrow the $2.6 million purchase price at a cost of about [$.26 per 1000] valuation, and be able to determine in the future what use to make of the land and when. Future use need not be restricted to agricultural and horticultural pursuits. The property will go off the tax roles.

"If you vote to authorize the Selectmen to assign the option to a non-profit conservation organization, they may do so if they feel there is a responsible assignee. The assignee may or may not be able to raise the purchase price and buy the land. If they do, a major portion will be retained in agricultural/ horticultural use, at no cost to the Town. In all probability, the rest of the

ARTICLE TWO DODGE PROPERTY PURCHASE (continued)

land will be retransferred to a private developer, in exchange for all or a major part of the purchase price funding. That developer will seek approval from the Town to create some form of residential housing that is permitted under Wenham's Zoning Bylaw. If permitted and completed, that housing would increase the value of the property on the tax roles, and also require some level of incremental Town services expense.

"If you take no action, the Gourdeau family has the right under its contract with the Dodge family, to seek approval of plans to develop approximately 40 units, including 4 affordable units, of elder housing. Potentially, more units could be built than in the case of an assignment, but the number of units approved could be less than the Dodge/Gourdeau contract plan seeks. The maximum density will likely be less than that at the Maples. The Planning Board and other regulatory approvals of the Town would be required, and the Town would have to approve, by a 2/3 vote at a future Town Meeting, rezoning of the land under our Elder Housing District zoning. The Dodge/Gourdeau contract requires that a no-build zone of 350 feet be respected on the south side of the property to protect the open vista of the Dodge field from Main Street. If the project is approved and built, it potentially could be the largest taxpayer in the Town, requiring some incremental services expenses by the Town. If the Gourdeau project is not approved, or if it is abandoned and the purchase contract terminated, the Dodge family will retain ownership, and would be free to sell or use the land as they may desire."

Lawrence Swartz addressed the Meeting on behalf of the Finance and Advisory Committee which could not reach agreement pro or con. The Committee was concerned about the lack of certainty as to the assignee, about limited control, and too little information available. They decided not to advise and to vote publicly according to personal preference.

Thomas Tanous, Selectman, urged the Town to purchase the property, citing the Iron Rail property, which the Town has been able to use over the years for various needs. He wanted the Town to keep its options open and retain choice as to use.

Peter Hersee, Selectman, disagreed with Mr. Tanous, sighting fiscal responsibility and the heavy financial burden of purchase, especially if the Community Preservation Act does not pass.

Donald Pickard, Selectman, argued for assignment, mentioning concerns with the density of the proposed Gourdeau plan and possible traffic problems.

There followed a lengthy debate which included arguments from all sides.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE TWO Purchase of Land - 181 Main Street (M.G.L. Chapter 61A)

To see what action the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take with respect to the exercise and determination of or disposition of the land, or assignment, of the Chapter 61A option to purchase a parcel of land located at 181 Main Street, shown on Assessors Map 13, as lot 138, at a purchase price not to exceed $2.6 million, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWO PURCHASE OF LAND - 181 MAIN STREET (continued)

MOTION [TO BUY] I MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SELECTMEN TO EXERCISE THE OPTION UNDER CHAPTER 61A TO PURCHASE A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 181 MAIN STREET, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP 13, AS LOT 138, AT A PURCHASE PRICE NOT TO EXCEED $2.6 MILLION, PROVIDED THE TOWN AUTHORIZES THE BORROWING FOR THE PURCHASE AS REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE THREE, INCLUDING THE REFERENDUM.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS TANOUS, SELECTMAN
SECONDED BY PETER HERSEE, SELECTMAN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2568 (51)
PRESENT: 276

VOTER CARDS AND TELLERS

YES: 129 NO: 113

MOTION DECLARED PASSED

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE THREE Borrowing for Purchase of Land - 181 Main Street

Provided the Town votes to authorize purchase of all or part of the land at 181 Main Street under Article 2, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, or otherwise, a sum of money for the costs of the land purchase provided that said borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Mass. General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the purchase of a parcel of land located at 181 Main Street, shown on Assessors Map 13, as lot 138," or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SELECTMEN, TO BORROW, PURSUANT TO M.G.L., CHAPTER 44, OR OTHERWISE, A SUM OF MONEY NOT TO EXCEED $2.6 MILLION FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND LOCATED AT 181 MAIN STREET, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP 13, AS LOT 138, PROVIDED THAT SAID BORROWING SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROCISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 1/2, SO-CALLED, BY THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION UNDER THE MASS. GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, PARAGRAPH (K) SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM AND 8:00PM, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO-CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BOND ISSUED IN ORDER TO PAY FOR PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 181 MAIN STREET, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAY 13, AS LOT 138?"

ARTICLE THREE BORROWING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND - 181 MAIN STREET (continued)

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS TANOUS, SELECTMAN, AND SECONDED BY PETER HERSEE, SELECTMAN

THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED A NO VOTE

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2568 (51)
PRESENT: 276

VOTER CARDS
TELLERS

YES: 140
NO: 101

TOTAL: 241

2/3 = 160

MOTION DECLARED NOT PASSED BY REQUISITE TWO-THIRDS

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE TWO Assignment of Land - 181 Main Street (M.G.L. Chapter 61A)

[The assignment of the property is the alternative part of Article Two, in the event the Town should reject purchase.]

I MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SELECTMEN TO ASSIGN THE OPTION UNDER CHAPTER 61A TO PURCHASE A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 181 MAIN STREET, SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP 13, AS LOT 138, TO A NON-PROFIT CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE SELECTMEN DEEM APPROPRIATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING THE AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL USE OF THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE ASSIGNMENT.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY DONALD PICKARD, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SECONDED BY PETER HERSEE, SELECTMAN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2568 (51)
PRESENT: 276

VOTER CARDS
TELLERS

YES: 153
NO: 79

MOTION DECLARED PASSED

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE FOUR Fire Department - Purchase of Ladder Truck/Quint

To see if the Town will appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, or otherwise, a sum of money for the purchase of a ladder truck/quint, provided that said borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Mass General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for purchase of a ladder truck/quint?", or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SELECTMEN, TO BORROW, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, OR OTHERWISE, A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $505,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LADDER TRUCK/QUINT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDED THAT SAID BORROWING SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 1/2, SO-CALLED, BY THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION UNDER THE MASS. GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, PARAGRAPH (K) SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM AND 8:00PM, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO-CALLED, THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BOND ISSUED IN ORDER TO PAY FOR PURCHASE OF A LADDER TRUCK/QUINT?"

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE SWARTZ, CHAIRMAN, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2568 (51)
PRESENT: 276

VOTER CARDS AND TELLERS

YES: 213

NO: 0

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

It was decided to take no action on ARTICLE FIVE By-Law Amendment - Waiver Regarding Votes Requiring a 2/3 Vote

MOVED AND SECONDED FROM THE MEETING FLOOR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO THE OVERRIDE ELECTION ON MARCH 31, 2005.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10PM

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
Debt Exclusion for Purchase of Fire Ladder Truck/Quint
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005

For a copy of the Warrant for the Special Election, please refer to pages 1 and 2.

The polls opened at 7:00AM and closed at 8:00PM.

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	378
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	364
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	14
TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST	378

REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING

REGULAR BALLOTS SUPPLIED	1472
TEST BALLOTS	6
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	364
REGULAR BALLOTS SPOILED	1
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS	0
REGULAR BALLORS UNUSED	1101
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1472

ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING

ABSENTEE BALLOTS SUPPLIED	105
TEST BALLOTS	5
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	14
ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNRETURNED	3
ABSENTEE BALLOTS REJECTED	0
ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNUSED	83
TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	105

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for purchase of a ladder truck/quint?

YES	334
NO	44
BLANKS	0
TOTAL	378

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

On April 5, 2005, at a duly posted meeting of the Board of Selectmen, with Moderator and Town Clerk present, the Special Town Meeting was reconvened at 7:39PM. The balloting (March 31, 2005) being concluded and there being no further business to come before the Meeting, Selectman Thomas Tanous moved that the Meeting be dissolved. The motion was Seconded by Selectman Peter Hersee. The Moderator declared the Meeting dissolved at 7:40PM.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the in habitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the seventh of May, 2005, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

"Article One," the election of officers; and
"Article Three," Community Preservation Act,

a summary of which appears below, and said articles to be acted upon by official ballots from 8:00AM until 12:00NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00PM, and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 7:30PM, at the Bessie Buker Schook, and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election of Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM.

ARTICLE ONE Election of Town Officers - Ballot Question

Moderator for one year; Town Clerk for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Assessor for two years; one Assessor for one year; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Board of Health member for one year; Hamilton-Wenham Library Trustee for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; two Park Commissioners for three years; two Park Commissioners for two years; one Park Commissioner for one year; one Water Commissioner for three years; and one Water Commissioner for one year; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2006) beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE THREE Community Preservation Act - Ballot Question

Shall Wenham accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by Special Town Meeting on March 22, 2005, a summary of which appears below?

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (continued)

Chapter 44B, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establishes a dedicated funding source to protect open space, create affordable housing, build new recreational facilities, and preserve historic sites. Community Preservation Act funds are reserved for these purposes and could be used to acquire and preserve open space, parks, and conservation land; to protect public drinking water supplies; to protect farmland and forests from future development; to renovate boarded up homes and build new affordable housing on vacant lots; to help families buy their first home in Wenham and assist older residents in finding an affordable house so they can stay in their neighborhoods; to build new parks and playgrounds, to make existing parks safer; to create bike and walking paths, to clear up polluted industrial and waterfront sites and restore them to their natural state; and to restore and protect historic buildings in Wenham.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established to study potential uses of the funds and to make recommendations to the Town Meeting, which has the final say on how they should be spent. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In Wenham, one source of Community Preservation Act funds would be a surcharge of 3% of the annual property tax assessed on real estate beginning in the 2006 Fiscal Year. The other source of funds would come from a special state trust fund. The state provides these matching funds only to communities that have adopted the Act.

Owner occupied housing would be exempt from the surcharge when the owner qualifies for low-income housing or low-or-moderate-income senior housing. The first $100,000 of the value of each residential property would also be exempt. Any taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the Community Preservation Act

A "yes" vote is a vote to accept the Act. A "no" vote is a vote not to accept.

ARTICLE FOUR Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $90,825 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE FIVE Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for the $22,106,483 annual operating expenses of the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballots vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $211,687 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005?"

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	50	0	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES (Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273 /year)	12,122	12,122	10,812	10,812	10,812
122-5200	EXPENSES	3,000	3,000	1,833	3,000	2,000
		15,122	15,122	12,645	13,812	12,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $82,356/year)	67,392	69,000	74,846	76,220	85,356
123-5200	EXPENSES	4,306	3,000	2,185	6,000	2,500
		71,698	72,000	77,031	82,220	87,856
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	115	500	0	500	250
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND		120,000	118,940	160,536	115,000
135	**FINANCE DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $60,178/year) (Asst. position - 13 hrs/wk @ $16.66 /hr.)	43,260	44,558	63,341	69,730	71,484
135-5200	EXPENSES	1,827	3,225	2,041	5,000	3,000
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					1,500
		45,087	47,783	65,382	74,730	75,984
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	20,000	14,000	15,315	16,000	16,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Chief Assessor @ $25,719 /yr) (Asst. Assessor @ $ 17.60/hr) - (Subs. @ $ 360/yr)	45,788	51,608	53,573	53,981	56,037
141-5200	EXPENSES	8,050	7,240	10,393	11,225	15,735
141-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	
		53,838	58,848	63,966	65,206	71,772

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145	**TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Treasurer / Collector @ $23,386 /year) (Assistant Collector @ $41,158 /yr + $100 long.)	71,105	73,736	74,201	66,071	64,644
145-5200	EXPENSES	13,887	14,810	3,845	4,110	4,350
145-5200	TAX TITLE EXP				10,000	10,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			10,652	10,300	14,600
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	2,102	563		0	
		87,094	89,109	88,698	90,481	93,594
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	2,853	3,750	3,750	0	
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	31,890	20,000	25,957	40,000	20,000
151-5700	OTHER					0
		41,743	30,750	36,707	47,000	27,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	4,000	4,000	3,982	0	
155-5200	EXPENSES	36,806	25,000	7,527	14,500	15,750
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			24,969	36,790	46,900
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)		0	8,755	15,000	15,000
		40,806	29,000	45,233	66,290	77,650
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Permit Office $37,652 /yr + $300 longevity) (Admin. Asst. @ $37,646 /yr) (Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $14.79 /hr)	61,313	52,289	52,037	65,291	87,423
159-5200	EXPENSES	35,356	46,350	57,063	46,237	41,097
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		6,000			
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings			11,510	8,000	8,000
159-5320	Cleaning Services		7,500	7,227	0	
159-5700	OTHER	10,901	0		9,000	0
159-5800	CAPITAL	0	0		0	0
		107,570	112,139	127,837	128,528	136,520

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161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $41,660/yr + $300 longevity)	37,075	39,026	40,352	40,844	41,661
161-5200	EXPENSES	2,183	2,675	1,777	3,050	1,300
		39,258	41,701	42,129	43,894	42,961
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	4,345	4,109	3,187	5,439	3,895
162-5200	EXPENSES	4,490	13,560	7,983	17,921	9,474
162-5700	OTHER				0	
		8,835	17,669	11,170	23,360	13,369
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $19.07/hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	14,419	18,419	19,179	19,043	19,406
171-5200	EXPENSES	5,055	5,088	2,135	3,315	3,415
		19,474	23,507	21,314	22,358	22,821
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	54	500	500	500	500
		1,599	2,045	2,045	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	0	150	0	150	150
		515	665	515	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	5,739	7,200	6,469	6,700	7,500
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	5,798	0		0	
198-5200	EXPENSES	2,387	6,020	2,600	3,653	4,653
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning			1,343		
		8,185	6,020	3,943	3,653	4,653

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199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Salary @ $5,066 /yr + Additional Maint. @ $668 /yr)	7,974	8,485	8,287	8,840	5,734
199-5200	EXPENSES	11,756	9,300	4,084	6,600	4,600
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			2,567	2,700	2,700
199-5800	CAPITAL	32,995	0	5,000	5,000	0
		52,725	17,785	19,938	23,140	13,034
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	619,403	705,893	759,277	871,168	821,536
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Chief @ $74,158 - base/year + $300 longevity)	742,643	759,054	808,859	841,271	859,820
210-5200	EXPENSES	54,283	57,081	53,999	58,581	62,381
210-5800	CAPITAL	28,982	56,000	29,999	30,000	31,500
		825,908	872,135	892,857	929,852	953,701
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS (Chief @ $34,629 /year) (Fire Prevention Officer @ $50,855 /year)	102,643	107,575	121,927	133,219	136,787
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	134,336	136,104	144,487	141,890	150,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	53,492	57,820	58,999	59,000	54,987
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	37,059	41,899	42,399	42,725	41,725
220-5800	CAPITAL	0	0		0	0
		327,530	343,398	367,812	376,834	383,499
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	36,480	39,110	36,480	38,980	41,480
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES (Building Inspector @ $16,806 /year) (Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600 /year)	15,167	17,208	16,198	17,996	18,406
241-5200	EXPENSES	347	2,450	0	500	200
		15,514	19,658	16,198	18,496	18,606

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243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $3,979/year)	3,605	3,713	3,806	3,882	3,980
243-5200	EXPENSES	300	425	201	425	425
		3,905	4,138	4,007	4,307	4,405
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Electrical Inspector @ $8,794 /year)	7,303	8,206	8,411	8,579	8,794
245-5200	EXPENSES	376	1,100	217	500	500
		7,679	9,306	8,628	9,079	9,294
249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	2,547	2,598	1,634	3,021	1,700
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,956	2,933	839	2,676	1,000
249-5800	CAPITAL	6,995	0		0	
		11,498	5,531	2,473	5,697	2,700
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,602	2,000	1,853	2,000	2,000
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $6,230 /year) (Deer Officer @ $2,175 /year)	7,961	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,405
292-5200	EXPENSES	150	2,500	375	2,000	500
		8,111	10,700	8,575	10,200	8,905
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,348/year)	1,221	1,258	1,289	1,315	1,348
294-5200	EXPENSES	14,432	15,400	4,098	1,900	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	9,675	11,200	11,712	24,500	20,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	305	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
		25,633	29,858	17,099	29,715	25,148
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	19,628	21,000	19,000	17,850	19,350
298-5700	OTHER			4,026	0	
298-5800	CAPITAL	9,916	9,300		0	
		29,544	30,300	23,026	17,850	19,350

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299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $12,490)	118,594	128,560	129,876	153,271	153,585
299-5700	OTHER	0	3,000		0	
299-5800	CAPITAL		0	4,818	0	
		118,594	131,560	134,694	153,271	153,585
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,411,998	1,497,694	1,513,702	1,596,281	1,622,673
	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share FY05 base $4,762,661 + override $255,119 = 5,017,780	3,944,651	4,196,091	4,491,831	5,017,780	5,218,491
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	41,976	43,227	40,803	65,857	66,285
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	218,003	220,247	222,441	231,515	198,903
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)		44,708	50,903	50,339	49,440
		259,979	308,182	314,147	347,711	314,628
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	4,204,630	4,504,273	4,805,978	5,365,491	5,533,119
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	55,818	58,406	63,980	57,364	46,517
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	4,260,448	4,562,679	4,869,958	5,422,855	5,579,636
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (DPW Director @ $72,448/yr.) (Foreman @ $25.67 /hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity) Foreman shared w/water dept. (Other Wages @ $18.33-$21.54 /hour)	344,303	363,155	379,630	382,697	402,678
422-5200	EXPENSES	23,962	32,000	34,800	35,900	29,400
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	58,749	50,900	59,124	60,200	60,200
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	16,800	16,800	24,330	16,800	16,800
422-5800	CAPITAL	8,525	55,000	19,551	45,000	15,000
		452,339	517,855	517,435	540,597	524,078

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423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	20,230	36,050	21,937	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	42,105	54,000	43,613	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	
		62,335	90,050	65,550	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	30,432	36,211	34,101	37,300	37,300
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	32,758	33,000	35,158	38,500	36,000
		32,758	33,000	35,158	38,500	36,000
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	294,887	300,000	239,000	238,000	241,700
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $38.50/wk)	2,000	1,868	1,620	1,954	2,002
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	3,133	4,728	3,734	5,600	4,000
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	500	500	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	200	200	120	200	200
		5,833	7,296	5,974	8,254	6,702
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	34,928	36,590	41,755	44,090	53,050
		34,928	36,590	41,755	44,090	53,050
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	913,512	1,021,002	938,973	996,791	988,880

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2001 6/30/2002	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Budgeted 7/1/04 6/30/05	Recommended 7/1/05 6/30/06
	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES	1,942	2,120	2,000	2,120	2,170
	(Inspector of Animals @ $2,050 /year)					
	(Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)					
510-5200	EXPENSES	8,299	10,500	1,330	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $ 50/hr			10,100	10,500	10,500
510-5700	OTHER	18,229	16,430	2,218	300	2,800
		28,470	29,050	15,648	15,720	18,270
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES		2,600	379	1,360	6,747
541-5200	EXPENSES	2,895	3,930	3,919	8,000	5,000
		2,895	6,530	4,298	9,360	11,747
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES			29,780	42,915	42,897
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $14.64/hr)					
	Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $10.25-$14.35 /hr.)					
542-5200	EXPENSES				6,250	6,750
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
				29,780	49,165	49,647
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	17,931	12,624	12,623	13,559	13,966
		18,931	13,624	12,623	14,559	14,966
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	50,296	49,204	62,349	88,804	94,630

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	CULTURE and RECREATION						
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**						
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES		332,294				
5101	Director (Salary @ $56,010 /yr)			55,619	57,667	58,434	56,010
	Assistant Director - not funded in FY06					0	0
		Subtotal Administration		55,619	57,667	58,434	56,010
5102	Head Reference (@ $31,480/year)			31,925	28,511	30,712	31,480
5103	Reference (@ $29,926/year + $100 longevity)			27,819	28,843	29,296	30,026
5104	Head Childrens (@ $34,327/year + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,101	33,605	34,427
5105	Childrens (@ $31,012/year)			28,832	27,624	30,260	31,012
5106	Head of Circulation (@ $34,327/yr + $100 longevity)			31,925	33,101	33,605	34,427
5107	Administrative Assistant (@ $29,926/year)			27,818	28,843	29,196	29,926
5108	Technical Services (@ $40,993/year + $400 longevity)			38,111	39,514	40,398	41,392
		Subtotal Professional		218,355	219,537	227,072	232,690
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($11.59-$13.24/hr)			74,955	61,402	58,951	58,283
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $14.79 /hr.					18,831	19,302
	Custodian - 63.5 % of $650 clothing allowance						406
	2 Shelvers @ 10 hrs/wk. @ $7.69-$8.24 /hr.					5,876	8,645
		Subtotal Support			61,402	83,658	86,636
		Total Salaries	332,294	348,929	338,606	369,164	375,336
620-5200	EXPENSES		183,693				
5201	Library Books			81,900	85,371	88,000	88,400
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals			10,000	7,822	8,000	8,000
5203	Furniture & Equipment			2,000	486	600	0
5204	Technology			38,000	35,026	35,926	35,526
5205	General Supplies			13,200	13,877	12,100	13,200
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel			3,200	1,202	1,000	1,070
5207	Programs			3,000	2,732	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities			65,000	51,480	52,200	58,500
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds			5,500	12,123	19,420	20,820
5210	Other			3,000		0	0
		Total Expenses	183,693	224,800	210,119	218,246	226,516
620-5800	CAPITAL						
						0	0
		Total Capital			0	0	0
	TOTAL LIBRARY		515,987	573,729	548,725	587,410	601,852

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640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,362 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206	54,419
		36,615	42,505	45,115	52,206	54,419
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES	0	4,000	4,330	6,650	0
650-5200	EXPENSES	2,370	3,244	2,794	6,350	2,500
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	0	0		650	650
650-5700	OTHER	6,450	0		0	
		8,820	7,244	7,124	13,650	3,150
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	220	300	0	300	50
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	979	1,008	1,008	1,038	1,064
		979	1,008	1,008	1,038	1,064
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	0	500	0	500	50
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	500	500	350	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	563,121	625,786	602,322	655,604	661,085
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	226,230	255,136	250,144	276,119	295,843
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,300	2,288	2,300	2,530
		228,518	257,436	252,432	278,419	298,373
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	249,212	310,607	324,123	392,935	442,775
914-5220	UNEMPLOYMENT	1,125	21,500	7,398	15,960	18,354
		250,337	332,107	331,521	408,895	461,129

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916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	42,700	31,700	23,431	27,000	27,810
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	64,319	75,600	90,631	91,393	123,199
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance				11,000	11,000
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
		64,319	76,600	90,631	103,393	135,199
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	585,874	697,843	698,015	817,707	922,511
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	80,000	25,000	0	0	
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	69,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)			15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT			0	116,000	20,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER			0	12,000	10,000
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)					
	Subtotal - Principal	189,000	135,000	125,000	253,000	155,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	5,800	1,400	0	0	
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	12,449	9,383	8,583	7,783	6,983
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	127,186	54,058	51,258	48,458	45,657
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	16,721	14,488	13,688	12,888	12,088
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)			10,135	9,535	8,935
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT			0	145,152	55,368
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER				3,024	2,520
710-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)					10,100
	Subtotal - Interest	162,156	79,329	83,664	226,840	141,651
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	351,156	214,329	208,664	479,840	296,651
	Subtotal General Fund	**8,755,808**	**9,374,430**	**9,653,260**	**10,929,050**	**10,987,602**

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	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	101,481	106,918	106,488	110,492	115,952
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $60,854/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $25.67/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $21.00/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	64,142	71,600	79,646	75,690	145,343
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE			33,993	27,440	17,040
29-5800	CAPITAL	31,758	44,300	38,664	48,000	51,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	197,381	222,818	258,791	261,622	329,335
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL	95,000	90,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST	75,620	71,820	58,085	70,085	52,085
	Subtotal Water Tank	170,620	161,820	133,085	145,085	127,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	368,001	384,638	391,876	406,707	456,420
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**9,123,809**	**9,759,068**	**10,045,136**	**11,335,757**	**11,444,022**

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE 2 AS SHOWN ON RECAP SHEET

WAGES	2,620,948
EXPENSES	8,725,574
CAPITAL	97,500
TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	**11,444,022**

ARTICLE SIX Overlay Surplus - Available Funds

To see if the Town will vote $107,120 from Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

ARTICLE SEVEN One-time Municipal Relief - Available Funds

To see if the Town will vote $27,706 from One-time Municipal Relief to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006

ARTICLE EIGHT Level the Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

ARTICLE NINE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2005, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE TEN Community Preservation Act - Community Preservation Commission

To see if the town will vote to amend the Wenham Bylaws by adopting the following new Section XXI to be entitled "Community Preservation Committee," and to read as follows:

Section XXI Community Preservation Committee

Chapter 1. Establishment

(1) There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee consisting of nine voting members pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

One member of the Historic District Commission as designated by the Commission
One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Authority
One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board
One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission
One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission
Four at-large members to be designated by the Board of Selectmen

(2) The term for the first-appointed Community Preservation Committee will begin on January 1, 2006, ending on May 31, 2008. Subsequent terms will begin on June 1 of each year and will be for two years. Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority or board that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member in accordance with Section (1) above for the unexpired term.

3. Should any commission, authority or board designating a member for the Community Preservation Committee cease to exist for whatever reason the Board of Selectmen will determine the appropriate alternative designating commission, authority or board.

Chapter 2. Duties

(1) The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with town boards and others including, but not limited to, the Historical

Commission, the Housing Authority, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Recreation Commission in conducting such studies. As part of its studies the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly, including on the Town's web page, and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. The Committee will file an annual report on its activities to the Town Clerk.

(2) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation, and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings, or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

(3) The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendations to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation, but for which sufficient funds are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

Chapter 3. Requirements for a quorum and cost estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Meetings will be held in accordance with the open meeting law. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4. Amendments

The Community Preservation Committee shall, from time to time, review the administration of this By-law, making recommendations, as needed, for changes in the By-law and in administrative practice to improve the operations of the Community Preservation Committee. The first review shall be completed at least by November 1, 2008 and subsequent reviews shall be completed in no more than five-year intervals. This By-law may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not be in conflict with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Chapter 5. Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this By-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE TEN (continued)

Chapter 6. Effective Date

This vote shall take effect and this By-law shall be submitted to the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth only upon certification that a majority of voters have approved a ballot question accepting sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B. Upon approval of this By-law by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Board of Selectmen shall request the Historic District Commission, the Housing Authority, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Recreation Commission to designate a member to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. The Board of Selectmen will designate four at-large members of the Community Preservation Committee.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE ELEVEN Restricted Cable Franchise Funds

To see if the Town will transfer funds restricted by and to be payable pursuant to the cable franchise, to a restricted account, as required by the franchise, for local cable purposes including municipal meeting coverage and community access purposes and institutional network access purposes including use by a local access and cable technology corporation as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen in their capacity as License Issuing Authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWELVE Dissolution of Parks Commission

To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Wenham Parks and Recreation Committee, and to have the Board of Selectmen exercise the powers of park commissioners as provided in Chapter 45, section 2, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN Citizen Petition Article - Historic District Commission

To see if the Town will vote for the dissolution of the Wenham Historic District Commission. Or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 7th day of April, 2005.

SIGNED: Donald J. Pickard
Peter A. Hersee
Thomas Tanous

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 15 day of 04, 2005, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

SIGNED: Brent Morong, Constable of the Town of Wenham, April 15, 2005

ANNUAL HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION WARRANT MAY 7, 2005

WARRANT FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Essex,ss.

To the Secretary of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee:

GREETING:

You are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the towns of Hamilton and Wenham, Essex County, Massachusetts, of the election of members to the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee. In Wenham, the election will be held at the Buker Elementary School on Saturday, May 7, 2005. The polling place shall be opened at 8:00AM and shall remain open until 12NOON. In Hamilton, the election will be held at the Winthrop Elementary School on Thursday, May 12, 2005. The polling place shall be opened at 7:00AM and shall remain open until 8:00PM. The number of members elected shall be three members for a term of three years and you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each of the member towns of Hamilton and Wenham and by publishing at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district seven days at least before the election date.

Given under our hands this 31st day of March in the year 2005.

SIGNED: Catherine A. Harrison, Elaine M. Carey, Donald E. Gallant, William Patten. William F. Martin, Lisa Gaquin, Nancy A. Morse. Denise Bisaillon

A majority of the members of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee

Denise A. Bisaillon, Secretary

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	511
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	492
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	19
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	511
REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	
REGULAR BALLOTS SUPPLIED	1238
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	492
REGULAR BALLOTS SPOILED	7
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS	0
TEST BALLOTS	5
UNUSED BALLOTS	734
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS	1238
ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	
ABSENTEE BALLOTS SUPPLIED	105
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	19
ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNRETURNED	2
ABSENTEE BALLOTS REJECTED	0
TEST BALLOTS	5
UNUSED BALLOTS	79
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS	105

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

MODERATOR (ONE YEAR TERM)
Paul D. Weaver

VOTES	431
BLANKS	73
WRITEINS	7
TOTAL	511

TOWN CLERK (ONE YEAR TERM)
Frances H. Young

VOTES	437
BLANKS	72
WRITEINS	2
TOTAL	511

SELECTMAN (THREE YEAR TERM)
Peter A. Hersee

VOTES	346
BLANKS	54
WRITEINS	111
TOTAL	511

ASSESSOR (THREE YEAR TERM)

BLANKS	485
WRITEINS	26
TOTAL	511

ASSESSOR (TWO YEAR TERM)

BLANKS	498
WRITEINS	13
TOTAL	511

ASSESSOR (ONE YEAR TERM)

BLANKS	502
WRITEINS	9
TOTAL	511

PLANNING BOARD (FIVE YEAR TERM)
Donald J. Killam, Jr.

VOTES	399
BLANKS	108
WRITEINS	4
TOTAL	511

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

TREE WARDEN (ONE YEAR TERM)

Pierre B. Erhard II

VOTES	269

Winslow E. Mulry

VOTES	197
BLANKS	43
WRITEINS	2
TOTAL	511

BOARD OF HEALTH (THREE YEAR TERM)

Dorothy D. Maciejowski

VOTES	400
BLANKS	110
WRITEINS	1
TOTAL	511

BOARD OF HEALTH (ONE YEAR TERM)

Gerald T. Donnellan

VOTES	376
BLANKS	135
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	511

HAMILTON WENHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEE (THREE YEAR TERM)

Wendy Waller Daynes

VOTES	395
BLANKS	115
WRITEINS	1
TOTAL	511

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)

Dorothy D. Maciejowski

VOTES	395
BLANKS	115
WRITEINS	1
TOTAL	511

WATER COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)

Richard K. Quateman

VOTES	385
BLANKS	124
WRITEINS	2
TOTAL	511

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION and HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

WATER COMMISSIONER (ONE YEAR TERM)

Richard M. Carnevale

VOTES	383
BLANKS	128
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	511

BALLOT QUESTION ONE (Community Preservation Act)

Shall Wenham accept Sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 2005, a summary of which appears below?

YES:	387
NO:	114
BLANKS:	10
TOTAL:	511

HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
(Ballots impounded to May 12, 2005 - date of Hamilton Election)

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	511

Vote for three

RICHARD L. BOROFF	341
CATHERINE A. HARRISON	360
WILLIAM F. MARTIN	351
BLANKS	475
WRITEINS	6
TOTAL	1533
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	511

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005

MODERATOR	Paul D. Weaver
TOWN CLERK	Frances H. Young
SELECTMEN	Peter A. Hersee
	Donald J. Pickard
	Thomas Tanous
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	David Bonnette
	Deborah Evans
	Scott Mackintosh
	Scott Spearing
	Lawrence Swartz

ARTICLE ONE The Annual Town Election of town officials, library board members, and regional school committee members was acted upon at the Bessie Buker School from 8AM to NOON.

NOON - 1PM Luncheon served to voters and senior citizens by the Wenham Village Improvement Society
Voter check in

1PM - 1:23PM Voter check in and seating continued
-Review of affairs on Beacon Hill by Representative Bradford Hill and Senator Bruce Tarr

1:23PM Meeting called to order by Moderator Paul Weaver
-Announcement of the deaths of H. Ford Brewer, former Building Inspector and Dominic Manzoli, retired Gas Inspector
-Appreciation for the luncheon provided by the Wenham Village Improvement Society and for the lovely flowers from the Ayer family
-Thanks to the Boy Scouts for household delivery of Town Reports
-Special thanks to Albie Dodge, retiring Tree Warden

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Town Moderator (Paul D. Weaver), Town Clerk (Frances H. Young)
Warrant with return of service (Brent Morong, Constable)
Quorum: 5% of total registered voters (2557) = 128

MOTIONS PRESENTED BY A BOARD MEMBER CONSTITUTE A MOTION AND A SECOND.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2006) beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE, OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS, THE FOLLOWING SUMS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES DESIGNATED, AND THAT THE SAME BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR SUCH PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006; PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF SUMS DESIGNATED TO FUND THE TOWN'S SHARE OF OPERATING JOINT REGIONAL AND INTER-MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS WITH THE TOWN OF HAMILTON, THAT HAMILTON VOTES TO APPROVE AND FUND ITS SHARE AS PROVIDED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS; ALL

ARTICLE TWO (continued)

SAID EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY LAWRENCE SWARTZ, CHAIRMAN, FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128 PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE THREE Community Preservation Act - Ballot Question
See page 19

ARTICLE FOUR Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $90,825 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform the the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 246 OF THE ACTS OF 2002, THE SUM OF $90,825 FOR WORK ON TOWN ROADS, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS DETAILED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 30, SECTION 39M; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 44J; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 26-27F; SAID WORK TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DAVID BONNETTE, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED WITH NO OPPOSITION

ARTICLE FIVE Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 52, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for the $22,106,483 operating expenses of the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District to meeting the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District, which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Buker School from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $211,687 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005?"

ARTICLE FIVE Operating Budget - Regional School District (continued)

MOTION THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $211,687, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C(G), AND ALSO CONTINGENT UPON THE TOWN OF HAMILTON APPROPRIATING ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE, TO BE ADDED TO THE PORTION OF ARTICLE 2 ALLOCATED FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT WHICH IS APPROVED AND FUNDED BY THE TOWN OF WENHAM. THE BALLOT VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THIS APPROPRIATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $211,687 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING WENHAM'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF THE PORTION APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 2, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2005?"

ARTICLE MOVED AND SECONDED BY DONALD GALLANT, HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS

ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION

MOTION DECLARED PASSED COMFORTABLY

ARTICLE SIX Overlay Surplus - Available Funds

To see if the Town will vote $107,120 from Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ALLOW $107,120 FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS TO BE USED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO LEVEL THE TAX RATE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DEBORAH EVANS, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES (continued)

ARTICLE SEVEN One-time Municipal Relief - Available Funds

To see if the Town will vote $27,706 from One-time Municipal Relief to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ALLOW $27,706 FROM THE ONE-TIME MUNICIPAL RELIEF BE USED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO LEVEL THE TAX RATE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DEBORAH EVANS, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MBMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE EIGHT Level Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (free cash) THE SUM OF $381,437 TO BE USED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO LEVEL THE TAX RATE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2005, TO JUNE 30, 2006.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DEBORAH EVANS, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 - 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE NINE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust funds received in FY2005, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with Town Clerk.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CEMETERY AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS RECEIVED IN FY2005, AS PRINTED IN PART I OF THE TOWN REPORTS, AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DEBORAH EVANS, FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED COMFORTABLY PASSED

ARTICLE TEN Community Preservation Act - Community Preservation Committee

To see if the town will vote to amend the Wenham Bylaws by adopting the following new Section XXI to be entitled "Community Preservation Committee," and to read as follows:

Section XXI. Community Preservation Committee
Chapter I. Establishment

(1) There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee consisting of nine voting members pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B. The Committee shall consist of the following members:
One member of the Historic District Commission as designated by the Commission
One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Authority
One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board
One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission
One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission
Four at-large members to be designated by the Board of Selectmen

(2) The term of the first-appointed Community Preservation Committee will begin on January 1, 2006, ending on May 31, 2008. Subsequent terms will begin on June 1 of each year and will be for two years. Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority or board that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member in accordance with Section (1) above for the unexpired term.

(3) Should any commission, authority or board designating a member for the Community Preservation Committee cease to exist for whatever reason the Board of Selectmen will determine the appropriate alternative designating commission, authority or board.

Chapter 2. Duties

(1) The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with town boards and others including, but not limited to, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Recreation Commission in conducting such studies. As part of its studies the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilites and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly, including on the Town's web page, and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. The Committee will file an annual report on its activities to the Town Clerk.

(2) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings, or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

(3) The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendations to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation, but for which sufficient funds are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

ARTICLE TEN Community Preservation Act - Community Preservation Committee (Continued)

Chapter 3. Requirements for a quorum and cost estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Meetings will be held in accordance with the open meeting law. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4. Amendments

The Community Preservation Committee shall, from time to time, review the administration of this By-law, making recommendations, as needed, for changes in the By-law and in administrative practice to improve the operations of the Community Preservation Committee. The first review shall be completed at least by November 1, 2008 and subsequent reviews shall be completed in no more than five year intervals. This By-law may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not be in conflict with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Chapter 5. Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this By-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Chapter 6. Effective Date

This vote shall take effect and this Bylaw shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth only upon certification that a majority of voters have approved a ballot question accepting sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B. Upon approval of this Bylaw by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Board of Selectmen shall request the Historic District Commission, the Housing Authority, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Recreation Commission to designate a member to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. The Board of Selectmen will designate four at-large members of the Community Preservation Committee.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE WENHAM BYLAWS BY ADOPTING SECTION XXI TO BE ENTITLED "COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE," WHICH INCLUDES CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 6 OUTLINING THE ESTABLISHMENT, DUTIES, REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUORUM AND COST ESTIMATES, AMENDMENTS, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL SECTIONS RELATIVE THERETO.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY THOMAS TANOUS, SELECTMAN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED COMFORTABLY PASSED

ARTICLE ELEVEN Restricted Cable Franchise Funds

To see if the Town will transfer funds restricted by and to be payable to the cable franchise, to a restricted account, as required by the franchise, for local cable purposes including municipal meeting coverage and community access purposes and institutional network access purposes including use by a local access and cable technology corporation as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen in their capacity as license Issuing Authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESTRICTED BY AND TO BE PAYABLE PURSUANT TO THE CABLE FRANCHISE, TO A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT, AS REQUIRED BY THE FRANCHISE FOR LOCAL CABLE PURPOSES INCLUDING MUNICIPAL MEETING COVERAGE AND COMMUNITY ACCESS PURPOSES AND INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK ACCESS PURPOSES INCLUDING USE BY A LOCAL ACCESS AND CABLE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN THEIR CAPACITY AS LICENSE ISSUING AUTHORITY.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DONALD PICKARD, SELECTMAN

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIVELY PASSED

ARTICLE TWELVE Dissolution of Parks Commission

To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Wenham Parks and Recreation Committee, and to have the Board of Selectmen exercise the powers of park commissioners as provided in Chapter 45, section 2, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DISSOLVE THE WENHAM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, AND TO HAVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN EXERCISE THE POWERS OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 45, SECTION 2, OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY PETER HERSEE, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Discussion It was noted by the neighborhood group dealing with the Pleasant Pond Beach restoration problem that they will continue to work towards having the area ready for use by next summer.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2557
QUORUM: 5% OF 2557 = 128
PRESENT: 222

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIVELY PASSED

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005 (continued)

ARTICLE THIRTEEN Citizen Petition Article - Historic District Commission

To see if the Town will vote for the dissolution of the Wenham Historic District Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY TOWN Town Moderator

"...I propose that we adjourn the Annual Town Meeting, and any consideration of Article 13, to July 5, 2005, to coincide with the date of the Special Town Meeting to be called by the Selectmen."

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL TO ADJOURN TO JULY 5, 2005, AT 7:30PM

Moved by Scott Spearing, Finance Committee member, and seconded from the floor, to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and reconvene on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at 7:30pm at a regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE FOR AMENDMENT

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
VOTER CARDS

DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE FOR AMENDED MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MAY 17, 2005
[Override Election to occur on May 12]

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY APPROVED

TOWN OF WENHAM
OVERRIDE ELECTION (School Operating Budget)
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005

Polls open at the Bessie Buker School in Perkins Auditorium from 7AM - 8PM

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	711
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	692
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	19
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	711

REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING

REGULAR BALLOTS SUPPLIED	991
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	692
REGULAR BALLOTS SPOILED	3
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS	0
TEST BALLOTS	5
UNUSED BALLOTS	291
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	991

OVERRIDE ELECTION THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005 (continued)

BALLOT ACCOUNTING (continued)

ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING

ABSENTEE BALLOTS SUPPLIED	105
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	19
ABSENTEE BALLOTS SPOILED	2
ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNRETURNED	5
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS	0
TEST BALLOTS	5
UNUSED BALLOTS	74
TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	105

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $211,687, in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005?

YES	477
NO	234
BLANKS	0
TOTAL	711

"The following is a certified copy of the vote taken at the Annual Town Election held on May 12, 2005 at the Winthrop School.

BALLOT QUESTION 2 LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec.21C(g)
'Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $478,523 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Hamilton's apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?'

	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
Blanks	15	14	3	32
YES	340	434	282	1056
NO	481	362	228	1071

A true copy ATTEST
Signed: Jane M. Wetson, (Hamilton) Town Clerk"

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF 2005 was reconvened on May 17 at 7:30PM in the Multi-purpose Room of the Buker School. A quorum was not achieved, so there was an informal discussion, often rancorous, about the Town Hall-Police Station building. The meeting adjourned at 9:20PM having having agreed that the "sense of the meeting" was for compromise.

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 16, 2005

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Thursday the sixteenth of June, 2005, at seven-thirty in the evening, then and there to act of the following articles:

ARTICLE ONE Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to ratify, approve and confirm the actions of the Town taken under Articles 2 and 5 of the Warrant at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to appropriate the sum of $5,430,178 for the purpose of financing the Town's apportioned share of costs of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District ("District") for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand five, which amounts are sufficient to meet the Town's share of the District's budget for the fiscal year commencing July first, two thousand five as recertified to the Town by vote of the District on May 24,2005, in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16B of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWO To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 31st day of May, 2005.

SIGNED: Thomas Tanous, Peter A. Hersee, Donald J. Pickard, Wenham Board of Selectmen

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 01 day of 06, 2005, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

SIGNED: Brent Morong, Constable of the Town of Wenham 06/01/2005

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:38PM, a quorum (2% of 2541 = 51) being present. All othere requirements (Moderator, Town Clerk and return of services were met.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE ONE Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to ratify, approve and confirm the actions of the Town taken under Articles 2 and 5 of the Warrant at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to appropriate the sum of $5,430,178 for the

ARTICLE ONE School Operating Budget (continued)

purpose of financing the Town's apportioned share of costs of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District ("District") for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand five, which amounts are sufficient to meet the Town's share of the District's budget for the fiscal year commencing July first, two thousand five as recertified to the Town by vote of the District on May 24, 2005, in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16B of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN OF WENHAM VOTE TO RATIFY, APPROVE AND CONFIRM THE ACTIONS OF THE TOWN TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES 2 AND 5 OF THE WARRANT AT THE 2005 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, PURSUANT TO WHICH THE TOWN VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $5,430,178 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE TOWN'S APPORTIONED SHARE OF COSTS OF THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIVE, WHICH AMOUNTS ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIVE AS RECERTIFIED TO THE TOWN BY VOTE OF THE DISTRICT ON MAY 24, 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 71, SECTION 16B OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DONALD GALLANT, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2541 = 51
PRESENT: 241

VOTER CARDS
ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, it was moved and seconded from the floor to dissolve the Meeting. The motion to dissolve was passed unanimously at 7:58PM.

RECONVENING OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (Saturday, May 7, 2005)

At 8PM, Thursday, June 16, 2005, the Town Moderator called the Annual Town Meeting back into session, there being a quorum (5% of 2557 = 128; 253 present). The purpose of the session was to deal with ARTICLE THIRTEEN, a Citizen Petition Article - Historic District Commission.

To see if the Town will vote for the dissolution of the Wenham Historic District Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator Paul Weaver explained that according to State Law, any town with an historic district must have a Commission. To try to remove the members might well be illegal and would certainly necessitate installing a recall procedure into the town bylaws. The Moderator therefore directed the Town Clerk to record that the Town Meeting passed by ARTICLE THIRTEEN and took no action.

It was then moved and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting. The motion was declared passed by a substantial plurality at 8:08PM.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2005

Essex,ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Wednesday the fifth of October, 2005, at seven-thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, and to vote on the ballot question at the Special Town Election on Wednesday, the twelfth of October, 2005, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00a.m. and 8:00p.m.

ARTICLE 1 Bylaw Amendment - Waiver Regarding Votes Requiring a 2/3 Vote

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter I of the Town Bylaws relating to Town Meetings by adding the following new section, or take any other action thereon:

Section 5: In the case of action on a matter which by statute requires a two-thirds vote, the Town vote may be declared by the Moderator without taking and recording a count, as provided in M.G. Laws Chapter 39, Section 15, unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters.

ARTICLE 2 Overlay Surplus - Available Funds

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Overlay Surplus for use by the Board of Selectmen to fund the social programs of the Wenham Issues of Social Service and Housing (WISSH) Committee for the current fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3 Zoning Amendment - 181 Main Street

To see if the Town of Wenham will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Wenham as follows:

By removing the following parcel of land from the Residential District, and establishing said parcel of land as an Elder Housing District, in accordance with Section XVA.1. of the Town of Wenham Zoning By-law.

A certain parcel of land containing not less than 7.5 acres, comprised of two abutting parcels, being Parcel "A" containing 5.21 acres and Parcel "B" containing 2.29 acres, which are together bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY	by Main Street, 3.08 feet, 129.07 feet, and 28.15 feet;
WESTERLY	169.04 feet;
SOUTHERLY	57.00 feet
WESTERLY	on two courses, 673.50 feet, and 118.32 feet;
NORTHERLY	488.48 feet;
EASTERLY	on various courses 59.53 feet, 99.19 feet, 186.29 feet, and 227.95 feet.
SOUTHERLY	on two coures, 175.30 feet and 103.09 feet;
EASTERLY	on two courses, 265.72 and 71.47 feet.

ARTICLE 3 Zoning Amendment - 181 Main Street (continued)

> Said Parcels "A" and "B" are shown on a certain plan entitled, "Town of Wenham, Massachusetts Proposed Elder Housing District", prepared by Thomas Mannetta, Inc., 15 Boardman Lane, Topsfield, MA 01983, which plan is dated June 5, 2005, and a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4 Town Hall/Police Station: Additional Funding

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation for the cost of replaceing the present Town Hall with a newly constructed two story building of approximately 13,000 square feet on the same site to house the offices of the Town Hall and Police Department generally as described in the report of the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee dated August 19, 2004, by an amount to be recommended by the Committee and apply the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting, and to increase the authorized borrowing for the Project by the amount by which the total appropriation for the cost of the Project exceeds the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the 2004 Special Town Meeting, provided that any vote passed under this article shall not take effect unless said increase in borrowing, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting, shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on October 12, 2005, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00A.M. and 8:00P.M., on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting, issued in order to pay for the costs of the Town Hall and Police Station Project as approved under Article 4 of the October 5, 2005, Special Town Meeting?"

ARTICLE 5 Wenham Historic District By-Law Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wenham Historic District By-Law to add to the categories of buildings NOT subject to Historic District Commission authority the following new subsection 5.f:

> f. Buildings and structures owned and operated or leased and operated by the Town of Wenham, the funds for which have be appropriated by vote of the Town Meeting.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6 Wenham Zoning By-Law Amendment - Municipal District

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by making the following changes regarding municipal uses:

Item 1: Add the following new definition to Section II as subsection T:

ARTICLE 6 Wenham Zoning By-Law Amendment - Municipal District (continued)

T. "Municipal Use" shall mean uses and structures owned and operated or leased and operated by the Town of Wenham;

Item 2. In Section III.A,delete the word "five" and substitute the word "six".

Item 3. In Section III.A, add a new subsection as follows: "6. Municipal District".

Item 4. Add the following new paragraph at the end of Section III.A:

The boundaries of the Municipal District shall coincide with Assessors Map 19, Lot 29, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Item 5. Add the following as new Section VI.A:

VI.A Municipal District

A. Permitted Uses

1. In the Municipal District, no pricipal or accessory building or structure shall be erected, enlarged or used other than for municipal uses.

B. Additional Regulations

1. Personal Wireless Service Facilities shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of Section XX of the Zoning By-law.

Item 6. In Section IX, add the following new subsection D:

D. Municipal District.

In the Municipal District, the maximum building height shall not exceed three (3) stories and 45 feet as determined by the State Building Code; provided, however, that a greater number of stories or a greater height may be authorized by special permit by the Board of Appeals.

Item 7. In Section X, add the following new subsection J:

J. Municipal District

1. Dimensional Requirements

In the Municipal District, the minimum lot area shall be 36,000 square feet and the minimum lot frontage shall be 170 feet. More than one principal building or structure may be situated on a single lot. The following dimensional requirements shall apply to pricipal structures:

Minimum Distance from any Street as defined by the lot line	20 feet
Minimum Distance to any side lot line	10 feet
Minimum Distance to any rear lot line	15 feet

2. Accessory Structures

No accessory structure shall be located within five feet of any side or rear lot line.

Item 8. In Section XIX.G.1, add the following new subsection g:

g. Principal buildings or structures for municipal uses, including parking areas, driveways, and other accessory uses or structures, regardless of the impervious surface coverage of the lot.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7 Town Hall/Police Station: 2003 Building Project Design Funding
By Petition

To see if the Town will transfer all remaining funds from the total amount approved under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held on October 19, 2004 (and by the subsequent approval of a debt exclusion referendum pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. ch. 59, Sec. 21C, para. (k) and applying all such funds to the planning, design, constructing, restoring, originally equipping and furnishing a restored town hall and a new separate or adjoining police station (the "Restored Town Hall/New Police Station Project"), which project shall be managed at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and, if such funds are insufficient to pay the full cost of the Restored Town Hall/New Police Station Project, to authorize the acceptance of any necessary additional funds in amounts not to exceed the amount of funds received by the Town during Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 pursuant to the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (Mass. Gen. L. ch. 44B, sec. 1 et seq.) and any other grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other governmental sources that are designated for historic preservation and handicapped accessibility.

ARTICLE 8 To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of September, 2005.

SIGNED: Thomas Tanous, Peter A. Hersee, Donald J. Pickard

Board of Selectmen

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 19 day of 09, 2005, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

SIGNED: Brent Morong, Constable of the Town of Wenham
09/19/2005

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2005
7:30PM

MODERATOR Paul D. Weaver

TOWN CLERK Frances H. Young

SELECTMEN Thomas Tanous, Chairman, Peter Hersee, Donald Pickard

FINANCE COMMITTEE Lawrence Swartz, Chairman, Deborah Evans, Thomas Kyrouz, Scott Mackintosh, Scott Spearing, Henry Wieman

At 7:33PM, Moderator Paul Weaver welcomed voters to the October 5, 2005, Special Town Meeting. He explained the Warrant and reminded voters of the need for decorum, balance and compromise without personal rancor. The return of service was presented and a quorum (2% of 2527 registered voters = 51) was declared to be present. These requirements along with a moderator and a town clerk made it possible for the meeting to proceed.

The Moderator suggested 11:00PM as a cutoff time, should the discussions still be ongoing, with a reconvening date the following evening.

So far as the method of debate and voting on Articles 4 - 7, the Moderator suggested that each article be debated in turn, postponing a vote on each until after all discussion. The vote would be done by secret ballot, using the voting machine in the interest of an efficient and accurate record of results.

MOTION

Selectman Peter Hersee moved, and it was seconded from the floor, that voting on Articles 4, 5 and 6 be postponed until after consideration of Article 7.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

The motion was declared passed with modest opposition.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTES

ARTICLE ONE Bylaw Amendment - Waiver Regarding Votes Requiring a 2/3 Vote

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter I of the Town Bylaws relating to Town Meetings by adding the following new section, or take any other action thereon:

Section 5: In the case of action on a matter which by statute requires a two-thirds vote, the Town vote may be declared by the Moderator without taking and recording a count, as provided in M.G. Laws Chapter 39, Section 15, unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1 OF THE TOWN BYLAWS RELATING TO TOWN MEETINGS BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION:

SECTION 5: IN THE CASE OF ACTION ON A MATTER WHICH BY STATUTE REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, THE TOWN VOTE MAY BE DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR WITHOUT TAKING

ARTICLE 1 Bylaw Amendment (continued)

AND RECORDING A COUNT, AS PROVIDED IN M.G.LAWS CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15, UNLESS THE VOTE SO DECLARED IS IMMEDIATELY QUESTIONED BY SEVEN (7) OR MORE VOTERS.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY DONALD PICKARD, SELECTMAN

NO DEBATE

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2527 REGISTERED VOTERS = 51
PRESENT: 351

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED COMFORTABLY PASSED WITH SOME OPPOSITION

ARTICLE TWO Overlay Surplus - Available Funds

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Overlay Surplus for use by the Board of Selectmen to fund the social programs of the Wenham Issues of Social Service and Housing (WISSH) Committee for the current fiscal year.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $15,000 FROM THE OVERLAY SURPLUS FOR USE BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND THE SOCIAL PROGRAMS OF THE WENHAM ISSUES OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND HOUSING (WISSH) COMMITTEE FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY THOMAS TANOUS, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lawrence Swartz, Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, recommended against the motion citing what could be an unfortunate precedent. If the Town were to say yes to such a request once, then more such requests might be expected. This year Free Cash has dipped and what remains is needed for future problems.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2527 REGISTERED VOTERS = 51
PRESENT: 351

VOTERS CARDS
TELLERS

YES: 149 NO: 145 TOTAL: 294

MOTION DECLARED PASSED

ARTICLE THREE Zoning Amendment - 181 Main Street

To see if the Town of Wenham will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Wenham as follows:

By removing the following parcel of land from the Residential District, and establishing said parcel of land as an Elder Housing District, in accordance with Section XVA.1. of the Town of Wenham Zoning By-Law.

A certain parcel of land containing not less than 7.5 acres, comprised of two abutting parcels, being Parcel "A" containing 5.21 acres and Parcel "B" containing 2.29 acres, which are together bounded and described as follows:

ARTICLE THREE Zoning Amendment (continued)

SOUTHERLY	by Main Street, 3.08 feet, 129.07 feet, and 28.15 feet;
WESTERLY	169.04 feet;
SOUTHERLY	57.00 feet;
WESTERLY	on two courses, 673.50 feet, and 118.32 feet; NORTHERLY 488.48 feet;
EASTERLY	on various courses 59.53 feet, 99.19 feet, 186.29 feet, and 227.95 feet;
SOUTHERLY	on two courses, 175.30 feet and 103.09 feet;
EASTERLY	on two courses, 265.72 and 71.47 feet.

Said Parcels "A" and "B" are shown on a certain plan entitled, "Town of Wenham, Massachusetts Proposed Elder Housing District", prepared by Thomas Mannetta, Inc., 15 Boardman Lane, Topsfield, MA 01983, which plan is dated June 5, 2005, and a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

MOTION THE PLANNING BOARD MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE EXISTING ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF WENHAM AS FOLLOWS: BY REMOVING THE FOLLOWING PARCEL OF LAND FROM THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND ESTABLISHING SAID PARCEL OF LAND AS AN ELDER HOUSING DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION XVA.1. OF THE TOWN OF WENHAM ZONING BY-LAW: A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING NOT LESS THAN 7.5 ACRES, COMPRISED OF TWO ABUTTING PARCELS, BEING PARCEL "A" CONTAINING 5.21 ACRES AND PARCEL "B" CONTAINING 2.29 ACRES, BOUNDED AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3, AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAN ENTITLED, "TOWN OF WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS PROPOSED ELDER HOUSING DISTRICT", PREPARED BY THOMAS MANNETTA, INC., 15 BOARDMAN LANE, TOPSFIELD, MA 01983, WHICH PLAN IS DATED JUNE 5, 2005, AND A COPY OF WHICH PLAN IS ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ERNEST STANLEY DODGE, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

DISCUSSION

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2527 REGISTERED VOTERS = 51
PRESENT: 351

VOTER CARDS
TELLERS

YES: 295 NO: 10 TOTAL: 305

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY REQUISITE 2/3 MAJORITY

ARTICLE FOUR Town Hall/Police Station: Additional Funding

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation for the cost of replacing the present Town Hall with a newly constructed two story building of approximately 13,000 square feet on the same site to house the offices of the Town Hall and Police Department generally as described in the report of the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee dated August 19, 2004, by an amount to be recommended by the Committee and apply the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting, and to increase the authorized borrowing for the Project by the amount by which the total appropriation for the cost of the Project exceeds the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the 2004 Special Town Meeting, provided that any vote passed under this article shall not take effect unless said increase in borrowing, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting, shall be excluded from the pro-

ARTICLE FOUR Tall Hall/Police Station: Additional Funding (continued)

visions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on October 12, 2005, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts to pay for the additional bonds, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting, issued in order to pay for the costs of the Town Hall and Police Station Project as approved under Article 4 of the October 5, 2005, Special Town Meeting?"

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE COST OF REPLACING THE PRESENT TOWN HALL WITH A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TWO STORY BUILDING OF APPROXIMATELY 13,000 SQUARE FEET ON THE SAME SITE TO HOUSE THE OFFICES OF THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERALLY AS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 19, 2004, BY $1,089,048 AND APPLY THE AMOUNT APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ARTICLE 1 OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2004 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BORROWING FOR THE PROJECT BY $1,089,048, PROVIDED THAT THE VOTE PASSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNLESS SAID INCREASE IN BORROWING, AS WELL AS THE BORROWING APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ARTICLE 1 OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2004 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 1/2, SO-CALLED, BY THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, PARAGRAPH (K) SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2005, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM AND 8:00PM, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO-CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL BONDS, AS WELL AS THE BORROWING APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ARTICLE 1 OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2004 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, ISSUED IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION PROJECT AS APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2005, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING?"

MOVED AND SECONDED BY THOMAS TANOUS, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMAN, FOR A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD

DEBATE

VOTE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER ARTICLES 5, 6, 7

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2527 REGISTERED VOTERS = 51
PRESENT: 351

SECRET BALLOT
VOTING MACHINE

YES	76
NO	224
BLANKS	1
TOTAL	301

ARTICLE FIVE Wenham Historic District By-Law Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wenham Historic District By-Law to add to the categories of buildings NOT subject to Historic District Commission authority the following new subsection 5.f:

> f. Buildings and structures owned and operated or leased and operated by the Town of Wenham, the funds for which have been appropriated by vote of the Town Meeting.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE WENHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW TO ADD TO THE CATEGORIES OF BUILDINGS NOT SUBJECT TO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AUTHORITY THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTION 5.F:

> F. BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES OWNED AND OPERATED OR LEASED AND OPERATED BY THE TOWN OF WENHAM, THE FUNDS FOR WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED BY VOTE OF THE TOWN MEETING.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY PETER HERSEE, SELECTMAN

At conclusion of discussion, Article Six was considered before the vote.

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2527 REGISTERED VOTERS = 51
PRESENT: 351

SECRET BALLOT
VOTING MACHINE

YES	69
NO	230
BLANKS	2
TOTAL	301

ARTICLE SIX Wenham Zoning By-Law Amendment - Municipal District

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by making the following changes regarding municipal uses:

Item 1: Add the following new definition to Section II as subsection T:
T. "Municipal Use" shall mean uses and structures owned and operated by the Town of Wenham

Item 2. In Section III.A,delete the word "five" and substitute the word "six".

Item 3. In Section III.A, add a new subsection as follows: "6. "Municipal District".

Item 4. Add the following new paragraph at the end of Section III.A:
The boundaries of the Municipal District shall coincide with Assessors Map 19, Lot 29, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Item 5. Add the following as new Section VI.A:
VI.A Municipal District
A. Permitted Uses
1. In the Municipal District, no principal or accessory building or structure shall be erected, enlarged or used other than for municipal uses.
B. Additional Regulations
1. Personal Wireless Service Facilities shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of Section XX of the Zoning By-Law.

ARTICLE SIX Wenham Zoning By-Law Amendment - Municipal District (continued)

Item 6. In Section IX, add the following new subsection D:

D. Municipal District

In the Municipal District, the maximum building height shall not exceed three (3) stories and 45 feet as determined by the State Building Code; provided, however, that a greater number of stories or a greater height may be authorized by special permit by the Board of Appeals.

Item 7. In Section X, add the following new subsection J:

J. Municipal District

1. Dimensional Requirements

In the Municipal District, the minimum lot area shall be 36,000 square feet and the minimum lot frontage shall be 170 feet. More than one principal building or structure may be situated on a single lot. The following dimensional requirements shall apply to principal structures:

Minimum Distance from any Street as defined by the lot line	20 feet
Minimum Distance to any side lot line	10 feet
Minimum Distance to any rear lot line	15 feet

2. Accessory Structures

No accessory structure shall be located within five feet of any side or rear lot line.

Item 8. In Section XIX.G.1, add the following new subsection g:

g. Principal buildings or structures for municipal uses, including parking areas, driveways, and other accessory uses or structures, regardless of the impervious surface coverage of the lot.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE PLANNING BOARD MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW BY MAKING CHANGES REGARDING MUNICIPAL USES AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE SIX AND TO DIRECT THE CLERK TO FILE A TRUE COPY OF THE SAME WITH THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY GRETCHEN ROORBACH, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

After completion of debate, the Meeting moved on to consideration of Article 7.

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2527 REGISTERED VOTERS = 51
PRESENT: 351

SECRET BALLOT
VOTING MACHINE

YES	113
NO	187
BLANKS	1
TOTAL	301

MOTION DECLARED DEFEATED

ARTICLE SEVEN Town Hall/Police Station: 2003 Building Project Design Funding (By petition)

To see if the Town will transfer all remaining funds from the total amount approved under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held on October 19,2004 (and by subsequent approval of a debt exclusion referendum pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. ch. 59, Sec. 21C, para. (k) and applying all such funds to the planning, design, constructing, restoring, originally equipping and furnishing a restored town hall and a new separate or adjoining police station (the "Restored Town Hall/New Police Station Project"), which project shall be managed at the direction of the Board of Selectmen and, if such funds are insufficient to pay the full cost of the Restored Town Hall/New Police Station Project, to authorize the acceptance of any necessary additional funds in amounts not to exceed the amount of funds received by the Town during Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 pursuant to the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (Mass. Gen. L. ch. 44B, sec. 1 et seq.) and any other grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other governmental sources that are designated for historic preservation and handicapped accessibility.

MOTION THE PETITIONERS MOVE THAT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, PURSUANT TO MASS. GEN. L. CH. 44, SECT. 33B, TRANSFER ALL REMAINING AMOUNTS OF MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ARTICLE 1 OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2004 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTING, RESTORING, ORIGINALLY EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING A RESTORED TOWN HALL, AND A NEW SEPARATE OR ADJOINING POLICE STATION (THE "RESTORED TOWN HALL/NEW POLICE STATION PROJECT") AND MANDATE THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN UNDERTAKE TO DEVELOP THE RESTORED TOWN HALL/NEW POLICE STATION PROJECT, WHICH SHALL BE MANAGED UNDER THE BOARD'S DIRECTION.

MOVED BY BENJAMIN TYMANN, BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBER, AND SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR

Finance Committee recommendation unanimously against

Discussion

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
QUORUM: 2% OF 2527 REGISTERED VOTERS = 51
PRESENT: 351

SECRET BALLOT
VOTING MACHINE

YES	201
NO	99
BLANKS	1
TOTAL	301

Motion declared passed by required 2/3 majority

After the secret balloting with printed ballots and voting machine, at approximately 11:30PM, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting to the Override Election on October 12, 2005, and to dissolve the Meeting on October 18.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
OVERRIDE ELECTION
Town Hall and Police Station Project
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2005
7:00AM - 8:00PM

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION ONE

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds, as well as the borrowing approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting, issued in order to pay for the costs of the Town Hall and Police Station Project as approved under Article 4 of the October 5, 2005 Special Town Meeting?

YES	7
NO	14
BLANKS	1
TOTAL VOTE	22

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

The following notice was posted and made available to voters at the polls

MESSAGE TO WENHAM VOTERS

Please be advised that the only ballot question appearing on the October 12, 2005 Special Election cannot be successfully acted upon since the associated Special Town Meeting Warrant article (Article 4 - Town Hall/Police Station: Additional Funding) failed on the town meeting floor. Consequently, any votes recorded today will have no effect.

The State of Massachusetts requires that the special election, once posted and advertised, must be held regardless of the outcome of the associated warrant article. Therefore, the Town Clerk is obligated to continue with the election and to record the results even though it is pre-determined to be an invalid ballot question.

DISSOLUTION OF OCTOBER 5, 2005, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

On October 18, 2006, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Moderator Paul D. Weaver called the Special Town Meeting back into order at 8:43PM. Selectmen Thomas Tanous, Peter Hersee and Donald Pickard and Moderator Paul Weaver and Town Clerk Frances Young were present. Several speakers reiterated gratitude to the Building Committee and spoke of future plans and goals. At 8:55PM, there being no further business to come before the Meeting, it was moved by Mr. Tanous and seconded by Mr. Hersee to dissolve the October 5, 2005, Special Town Meeting. The motion was unanimously passed and the Meeting was dissolved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2005

Eastern Bank - Money Market	$1,294,029.01
Eastern Bank - Money Market	$330,653.81
Eastern Bank - Vendor Account	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Payroll Account	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Payroll Tax Account	$0.00
Century Bank - Money Market	$14,473.27
Unibank - Money Market	$314.39
Fleet Bank - Town Investment Account	$714,455.90
Eastern Bank - Library Trust CD	$135,543.36
Eastern Bank - Trust Fund Investment Account	$831,527.18
Fleet Bank - Housing Partnership Investment Account	$162,366.62
Fleet Bank - Hamilton Shopping Contingency Fund	$0.00
Eastern Bank - 40 Maple Contingency Fund	$6,495.80
Eastern Bank - Burley St Contingency Fund	$314.04
Citizens Bank - Cable TV Account	$49,007.28
Total Bank Balance as of June 30, 2005	**$3,539,180.66**

TOWN OF WENHAM
TRUST FUND REPORT
JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

NAME OF FUND	ORIGINAL ENDOWMENT	BALANCE 7/1/2004	INTEREST EARNED	OTHER INCOME	EXPENDED	BALANCE 6/30/2005
Cemetery Flower Funds						
Abbott Fund	200.00	213.12	4.92			218.04
George Badger Fund	100.00	106.56	2.46			109.02
Batchelder Fund	400.00	464.10	10.73			474.83
Becker Fund	1,000.00	1,132.94	25.88		29.75	1,129.07
Lloyd Brooks Fund	200.00	251.15	5.80			256.95
John D. Cannon Fund	175.00	186.47	4.31			190.78
Frank Corning Fund	200.00	213.11	4.93			218.04
D'Ambrosio Fund	200.00	270.29	6.25			276.54
Elizabeth Dodge Fund	200.00	213.11	4.93			218.04
Philip Ellwood Dodge Fund	200.00	213.12	4.92			218.04
Margaret R. Dudley Fund	200.00	213.11	4.92			218.03
Almont & Eleanor Elwell Fund	200.00	208.46	4.82			213.28
A & E Cosh Fund	500.00	589.08	13.61			602.69
Dorothy Pulsifier Fund	500.00	571.09	13.20			584.29
Mercy Featherstone Fund	425.00	470.53	10.88			481.41
Goodridge & Larabee Fund	200.00	213.11	4.93			218.04
Earle E. Johnson Fund	200.00	213.11	4.93			218.04
Col. Henry F. Kent Fund	200.00	213.11	4.92			218.03
George Kilham Fund	200.00	213.14	4.93			218.07
William E. Ludden Fund	200.00	257.51	5.95			263.46
Walter C. Ober Fund	400.00	486.11	11.24			497.35
Lena Peck Fund	225.00	276.84	6.40			283.24
A & M Perkins Fund	200.00	234.79	5.43			240.22
Edward A. Perkins Fund	200.00	287.08	6.63			293.71
Ruth D. Perkins Fund	500.00	741.74	17.14			758.88
John H. Rice Fund	100.00	112.28	2.59			114.87
Ralph M. Smith Fund	200.00	255.36	5.91			261.27
Elbridge Stanley Fund	200.00	213.11	4.93			218.04
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	200.00	265.62	6.13			271.75
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		183,218.50	4,248.12	1,600.00		189,066.62
Conservation Fund	0.00	42,518.72	843.67	3,750.00	11,200.00	35,912.39
General Cemetery Funds						
David O. Allen Fund	475.00	1,258.34	29.08			1,287.42
Hattie L. Batchelder Fund	596.68	1,327.65	30.68			1,358.33
JH & ML Perkins Fund	1,000.00	1,812.05	41.88			1,853.93
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	1,000.00	1,741.57	39.61		63.00	1,718.18
General Charity Funds						
John K. Dodge Fund	500.00	1,733.40	34.16		1,000.00	767.56
Mary E. Perkins Fund	3,000.00	4,136.21	88.81		1,000.00	3,225.02
Ralph M. Smith Fund	34,000.00	35,778.64	817.60		1,800.00	34,796.24
Elizabeth P. Tilton Fund	3,000.00	4,084.80	89.32		900.00	3,274.12
Benjamin F. Young Fund	1,620.00	3,134.74	67.07		1,100.00	2,101.81
Scholarship Fund		0.00				0.00
Education Fund		0.00				0.00
Elderly and Disabled Fund		0.00				0.00
Library Memorial Funds						
Louise E. Brown Fund	66,108.65	79,406.20	1,835.16		4,131.47	77,109.89
Charles W.& Marjorie Davis Fund	4,780.00	5,296.38	122.40			5,418.78
Judson W. Dodge Fund	500.00	1,301.26	30.07			1,331.33
Edwin P. Hawkins Fund	100.00	412.28	9.53			421.81
Nielson Fund	3,000.00	5,593.35	129.27			5,722.62
Rae Scott Memorial Trust	12,000.00	12,438.18	287.07		325.00	12,400.25
Dorothy Jones Library Fund	42.37	42.37	0.55	30.07		72.99
Francis Dolan Library Fund	260.36	260.36	3.26	176.14		439.76
Bernice H. Mersereau Library Fund	1,163.64	1,163.64	14.34	755.49		1,933.47
Leon W. Bishop Library Fund	1,164.97	1,164.97	14.36	756.32		1,935.65
Dodge Public Library Fund	1,808.95	1,808.95	22.23	1,166.77		2,997.95
John Harnett Jr. Library Fund	2,430.15	2,430.15	29.82	1,560.66		4,020.63
Justin Allen Library Fund	1,164.12	1,164.12	14.36	757.90		1,936.38
John F. & Ann Neary Library Fund	2,776.45	2,776.45	30.66	1,326.85		4,133.96
Priscilla Johnson Library Fund	540.00	540.00	5.23	159.84		705.07
Anita Bruyere Library Fund	490.00	490.00	6.01	314.58		810.59
Dr. Donald Conwell Library Fund	3,570.00	3,570.00	49.40	3,042.47		6,661.87
Katlyn MacCready Bird Educ'l Lib Fund	9,248.68	9,248.68	164.81	6,115.75		15,529.24
Marion K. Wilks Library Fund	2,490.00	2,490.00	32.01	1,792.34		4,314.35
James Hompe Memorial Library Fund	940.00	940.00	12.16	688.07		1,640.23
Percival & Elinor G. Whipple Library Fun	9,490.00	9,490.00	116.83	6,146.41		15,753.24
Newalt Rose A. Richards Mem'l Lib Trust	2,935.00	2,935.00	34.65	1,701.82		4,671.47
Eleanor H. Belton Mem'l Lib Trust	1,100.00	1,100.00	11.75	473.14		1,584.89
Elizabeth L. Beckett Mem'l Lib Trust Func	975.00	975.00	10.40	416.22		1,401.62
Katherine Duffy Lib Trust Fund	65,000.00					65,000.00
Stabilization Fund	0.00	401,566.66	9,280.65			410,847.31
TOTALS	**247,195.02**	**838,647.77**	**18,811.60**	**32,730.84**	**21,549.22**	**933,640.99**
Treasurer Balance	**933,640.99**					
Accountants Balance	**933,640.99**					
DIFFERENCE	**0.00**					

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Wenham, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 12, 2005, on our consideration of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, and schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – general fund – budgetary basis, located after the notes to the basic financial statements, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Powers & Sullivan

August 12, 2005

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements comprise of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets.* Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows.* Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities)* from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities).* The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, pension benefits, property and liability insurance, employee benefits, interest and state and county charges. The Town's business-type activities related to the water activities.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows of spendable resources,* as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities.*

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedules has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town maintains one proprietary fund to account for its water activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for propriety funds. The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

	Governmental Activities	
	FY05	FY04
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 4,527,271	$ 3,956,358
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	225,154	200,862
Capital assets	4,424,427	4,514,836
Total assets	**9,176,852**	**8,672,056**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	300,209	209,217
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	125,000	169,000
Current debt	752,000	247,000
Noncurrent debt	1,525,000	1,650,000
Total liabilities	**2,702,209**	**2,275,217**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	2,697,427	2,617,836
Restricted	841,635	735,232
Unrestricted	2,935,581	3,043,771
Total net assets	**6,474,643**	**6,396,839**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	1,081,976	867,753
Operating grants and contributions	451,121	203,406
Capital grants and contributions	128,719	42,044
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes	8,771,172	7,953,518
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	585,069	522,090
Nonrestricted grants	434,478	431,808
Unrestricted investment income	50,249	29,602
Other revenues	34,898	32,249
Total revenues	**11,537,682**	**10,082,470**
Expenses:		
General Government	743,137	672,623
Public Safety	1,966,774	1,811,827
Education	5,406,933	4,869,959
Public Works	1,084,085	1,122,742
Human Services	87,955	66,496
Culture and Recreation	849,357	928,721
Pension benefits	310,407	285,432
Property and liability insurance	98,708	90,089
Employee benefits	439,444	354,807
Claims and judgments	310,000	-
Interest	80,540	83,243
State and county charges	82,538	110,486
Total expenses	**11,459,878**	**10,396,425**
Change in net assets	**$ 77,804**	**$ (313,955)**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Assets exceeded liabilities by $6.4 million at the close of FY2005.

Net assets of $2.6 million (42%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the net assets $841 thousand (13%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets* $2.9 million (45%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets.

The governmental activities net assets increased by $77 thousand during the current fiscal year which is reflects the Town's objective to maintain its financial position and to raise sufficient revenues to cover its current expenses.

Business-type Activities. The business type activities net assets increased by $63 thousand during the current fiscal year which reflects the town intention to recover 100% of its costs of operations.

The following table identifies key elements of the enterprise operations:

	Business Type Activities	
	FY05	FY04
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 218,833	$ 274,309
Capital assets	1,317,000	1,302,375
Total assets	**1,535,833**	**1,576,684**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	29,236	59,641
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	16,000	15,000
Current debt	75,000	75,000
Noncurrent debt	1,075,000	1,150,000
Total liabilities	**1,195,236**	**1,299,641**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	167,000	77,375
Unrestricted	173,597	199,668
Total net assets	**340,597**	**277,043**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	437,066	348,322
Expenses:		
Public Works	313,678	297,891
Interest	59,834	57,835
Total expenses	**373,512**	**355,726**
Change in net assets	**$ 63,554**	**$ (7,404)**

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $2.9 million, a decrease of $105 thousand from the prior year. The General Fund's results of operation resulted in a $264 thousand decrease in fund balance while the Nonmajor funds had an increase of $159 thousand.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was $414 thousand, while total fund balance was $1.3 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 4% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 21% of that same amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town has adopted a budget for the General Fund. There was an increase of $255 thousand from the original budget to arrive at the final budget. This was due to an increase in the Town's regional school appropriation. A budget surplus of $80 thousand was achieved for the fiscal year when the actual results are compared to the budgeted amounts.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Outstanding long-term debt of governmental activities, as of June 30, 2005, totaled $1,650,000, of which $1,015,000 is related to construction of the joint library, $270,000 is related to a lease buyback, $165,000 for a fire truck, $200,000 for the new Town Hall/Police Station. The Town had $627,000 in bond anticipation notes outstanding at year-end.

During the fiscal year the Town voted to purchase a new fire truck. The Town issued bond anticipation notes in the amount of $505,000 to pay for the asset. The new fire truck fund is used to account for the financial resources relating to the acquisition. As of June 30, 2005, the Town had not expended any funds relating to this project.

The Water Enterprise Fund has $1,150,000 of long-term debt outstanding at year end.

The Town has elected to delay recording general infrastructure assets acquired before June 30, 2002 as allowed by GASB #34. The historical depreciated cost of these assets has not been compiled.

Please refer to the Notes for further discussion of the debt activity.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and short-term investments	$ 3,442,726	$ 97,372	$ 3,540,098
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	117,887	-	117,887
Tax liens	19,947	-	19,947
Motor vehicle excise taxes	28,342	-	28,342
Water fees	-	121,461	121,461
Departmental and other	15,323	-	15,323
Intergovernmental	467,057	-	467,057
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	252,989
Investment in joint venture	183,000	-	183,000
NONCURRENT:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate tax deferrals	225,154	-	225,154
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	4,424,427	1,317,000	5,741,427
TOTAL ASSETS	9,176,852	1,535,833	10,712,685
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable	195,551	23,294	218,845
Accrued payroll	62,798	1,602	64,400
Tax refunds payable	6,900	-	6,900
Accrued interest	6,139	4,340	10,479
Other liabilities	6,821	-	6,821
Compensated absences	22,000	-	22,000
Bonds and notes payable	752,000	75,000	827,000
NONCURRENT:			
Compensated absences	125,000	16,000	141,000
Bonds and notes payable	1,525,000	1,075,000	2,600,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,702,209	1,195,236	3,897,445
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,697,427	167,000	2,864,427
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable	94,703	-	94,703
Nonexpendable	392,177	-	392,177
Other purposes	354,755	-	354,755
Unrestricted	2,935,581	173,597	3,109,178
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$ 6,474,643	$ 340,597	$ 6,815,240

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 743,137	$ 164,792	$ 20,874	$ -	$ (557,471)
Public safety	1,966,774	407,493	95,051	-	(1,464,230)
Education	5,406,933	-	-	-	(5,406,933)
Public works	1,084,085	9,930	34	128,719	(945,402)
Human services	87,955	9,336	4,884	-	(73,735)
Culture and recreation	849,357	490,425	298,278	-	(60,654)
Pension benefits	310,407	-	32,000	-	(278,407)
Property and liability insurance	98,708	-	-	-	(98,708)
Employee benefits	439,444	-	-	-	(439,444)
Claims and judgments	310,000	-	-	-	(310,000)
Interest	80,540	-	-	-	(80,540)
State and county charges	82,538	-	-	-	(82,538)
Total Governmental Activities	11,459,878	1,081,976	451,121	128,719	(9,798,062)
Business-Type Activities:					
Water	373,512	437,066	-	-	63,554
Total Primary Government	$ 11,833,390	$ 1,519,042	$ 451,121	$ 128,719	$ (9,734,508)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	$ (9,798,062)	$ 63,554	$ (9,734,508)
General revenues:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	8,771,172	-	8,771,172
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	585,069	-	585,069
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	434,478	-	434,478
Unrestricted investment income.....	50,249	-	50,249
Miscellaneous.....	34,898	-	34,898
Total general revenues and transfers.....	9,875,866	-	9,875,866
Change in net assets.....	77,804	63,554	141,358
Net Assets:			
Beginning of year.....	6,396,839	277,043	6,673,882
End of year.....	$ 6,474,643	$ 340,597	$ 6,815,240

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS	General	New Fire Truck	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and short-term investments	$ 1,205,239	$ 505,000	$ 1,732,487	$ 3,442,726
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:				
Real estate and personal property taxes	117,887	-	-	117,887
Real estate tax deferrals	225,154	-	-	225,154
Tax liens	19,947	-	-	19,947
Motor vehicle excise taxes	28,342	-	-	28,342
Departmental and other	15,323	-	-	15,323
Intergovernmental	234,703	-	232,354	467,057
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	-	252,989
Investment in joint venture	183,000	-	-	183,000
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,282,584	$ 505,000	$ 1,964,841	$ 4,752,425
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants payable	$ 182,818	$ -	$ 12,733	$ 195,551
Accrued payroll	62,107	-	691	62,798
Tax refunds payable	6,900	-	-	6,900
Other liabilities	239	-	6,582	6,821
Deferred revenues	647,643	-	232,354	879,997
Notes payable	-	505,000	122,000	627,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	899,707	505,000	374,360	1,779,067
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	297,110	-	-	297,110
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	392,177	392,177
Unreserved:				
Designated for investment in joint venture	183,000	-	-	183,000
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	488,557	-	-	488,557
Undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	414,210	-	-	414,210
Special revenue funds	-	-	1,047,634	1,047,634
Capital projects funds	-	-	55,967	55,967
Permanent funds	-	-	94,703	94,703
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,382,877	-	1,590,481	2,973,358
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,282,584	$ 505,000	$ 1,964,841	$ 4,752,425

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Total governmental fund balances		$ 2,973,358
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		4,424,427
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds		879,997
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due		(6,139)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		
Bonds and notes payable	(1,650,000)	
Compensated absences	(147,000)	
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities		(1,797,000)
Net assets of governmental activities		$ 6,474,643

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	General	New Fire Truck	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 8,740,445	$ -	$ -	$ 8,740,445
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	556,726	-	-	556,726
Intergovernmental	933,614	-	150,932	1,084,546
Departmental and other	393,085	-	275,694	668,779
Contributions	-	-	310,694	310,694
Investment income	28,609	-	21,640	50,249
TOTAL REVENUES	10,652,479	-	758,960	11,411,439
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government	704,343	-	58,062	762,405
Public safety	1,601,705	-	338,376	1,940,081
Education	5,406,933	-	-	5,406,933
Public works	1,010,334	-	63,933	1,074,267
Human services	81,655	-	6,300	87,955
Culture and recreation	660,076	-	138,115	798,191
Pension benefits	310,407	-	-	310,407
Property and liability insurance	98,708	-	-	98,708
Employee benefits	439,444	-	-	439,444
Claims and judgments	310,000	-	-	310,000
State and county charges	82,538	-	-	82,538
Debt service:				
Principal	125,000	-	-	125,000
Interest	80,957	-	-	80,957
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,912,100	-	604,786	11,516,886
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(259,621)	-	154,174	(105,447)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers in	-	-	5,297	5,297
Operating transfers out	(5,297)	-	-	(5,297)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(5,297)	-	5,297	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(264,918)	-	159,471	(105,447)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,647,795	-	1,431,010	3,078,805
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,382,877	$ -	$ 1,590,481	$ 2,973,358

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ (105,447)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	246,170	
Depreciation expense	(336,579)	
Net effect of reporting capital assets		(90,409)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue		126,243
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
Debt service principal payments		125,000
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Net change in compensated absences accrual	22,000	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt	417	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities and amortizing deferred losses		22,417
Change in net assets of governmental activities		$ 77,804

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

		Water Enterprise Fund
ASSETS		
CURRENT:		
Cash and short-term investments	$	97,372
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Water fees		121,461
Total current assets		218,833
NONCURRENT:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		1,317,000
Total noncurrent assets		1,317,000
TOTAL ASSETS		1,535,833
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT:		
Warrants payable		23,294
Accrued payroll		1,602
Accrued interest		4,340
Bonds and notes payable		75,000
Total current liabilities		104,236
NONCURRENT:		
Compensated absences		16,000
Bonds and notes payable		1,075,000
Total noncurrent liabilities		1,091,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,195,236
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		167,000
Unrestricted		173,597
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$	340,597

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Water Enterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for services	$ 431,517
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Cost of services and administration	278,185
Depreciation	35,493
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	313,678
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	117,839
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Interest expense	(59,834)
Other revenues	5,549
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET	(54,285)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	63,554
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	277,043
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$ 340,597

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

		Water Enterprise Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers and users	$	432,368
Payments to vendors		(30,579)
Payments to employees		(276,760)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		125,029
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Other revenues		5,549
NET CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		5,549
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(50,118)
Principal payments on bonds and notes		(75,000)
Interest expense		(60,085)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(185,203)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS		(54,625)
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		151,997
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AT END OF YEAR	$	97,372
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating income (loss)	$	117,839
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation		35,493
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Water fee receivable		851
Warrants payable		(30,579)
Accrued payroll		425
Accrued compensated absences		1,000
Total adjustments		7,190
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$	125,029

See notes to basic financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen and an appointed Town Administrator.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. The Town has no Component Units that require inclusion in these basic financial statements.

The Town is a member of the North East Solid Waste Committee (NESWC), a joint venture with 23 communities, organized to represent its members in all matters related to solid waste disposal at a regional waste-to-energy facility located in North Andover, Massachusetts. In accordance with a depository agreement NESWC was granted control over various funds received from contractual communities. As of July 2005, 100% of the remaining debt service was redeemed and no contingent liabilities related to the debt service exists for the member communities. NESWC's scheduled dissolution date is September 25, 2005, at which time any remaining equity balances will be returned to the respective member community. As of June 30, 2005, the Town's equity interest of $183,000 in the operation of NESWC is recorded in the General Fund. Complete financial statements for NESWC can be obtained by contacting their administrative offices at 67 South Bedford Street, Suite 201E, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

The Town has an agreement with the Town of Hamilton to operate a Joint Public Library under the direction of a Joint Board of Library Trustees. The Town is the administrator for all matters associated with the management of the Joint Public Library. All revenues and expenditures related to the operation of the Joint Public Library are accounted for in the Town's General Fund. Reimbursements from the Town of Hamilton for their apportioned share of expenditures are recorded as intergovernmental revenue. In fiscal year 2005 operating expenses were approximately $628,000 of which the Town's share was approximately $197,000 and Hamilton's share was approximately $431,000 and reported as intergovernmental revenue.

The Town is a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District that provides educational services to both communities. This joint venture assesses each community its share of operating and debt service costs based on student population and other factors. In fiscal year 2005 Wenham's share of the operating expense was $5,017,780 and its share of the debt service expense was $333,663. There is no equity interest reported in these financial statements. Complete audited financial statements can be obtained directly from the District's administrative office located at 5 School Street, Wenham, MA 01984.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. *Governmental activities*, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The GASB requires separate financial statements be provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental or enterprise fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Internal service funds and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

Real estate and personal property tax revenues are considered available if they are collected within 60 days after fiscal year-end. Investment income is susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and tax revenues become measurable and available when the cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The following major governmental fund is reported:

The *general fund* is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *new fire truck fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of a new fire truck.

The nonmajor governmental funds consist of other special revenue, capital projects and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *nonmajor governmental funds* column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The *special revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

The *capital projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Enterprise and Trust Funds).

The *permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

For the government-wide financial statements all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or prior to November 30, 1989, are applied, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are carried at fair value.

E. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

Real estate tax liens are processed after the close of the valuation year on delinquent properties and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectibles is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by $25 per $1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Water User Fees

User fees are levied monthly based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Unbilled user fees are estimated at year-end and are recorded as revenue in the current period. Water liens are processed after year end and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill.

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

F. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Such inventories are not material in total to the government-wide financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activity column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements do not include construction period interest.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of $5,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

Capital assets (excluding land) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

Capital Asset Type	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Land improvements	10-40
Buildings	40
Machinery and equipment	5-50
Infrastructure	10-60

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund in the fiscal year of the purchase.

H. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

I. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transfers between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets.

Fund Financial Statements

Operating transfers between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

J. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents receivables that do not meet the available criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

K. Net Assets and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Assets)

Net assets are reported as restricted when amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use.

Net assets have been "restricted for" the following:

"Permanent funds - expendable" represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.

"Permanent funds - nonexpendable" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

"Other specific purposes" represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Fund balances are reserved for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Fund balances have been "reserved for" the following:

"Encumbrances and continuing appropriations" represents amounts obligated under purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures that are being carried over to the ensuing fiscal year.

"Perpetual permanent funds" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

Fund balances have been "designated for" the following:

"Subsequent year's expenditures" represents amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 2006 operating budget.

"Investment in joint venture" represents the Town's equity interest in the operation of a joint venture.

L. Long-term debt

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net assets. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

M. Investment Income

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

N. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on collective bargaining agreements, state laws and executive policies.

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities.

O. Post Retirement Benefits

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Town provides health insurance coverage for retired employees and their survivors. The Town recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums in the General Fund in the fiscal year paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, this expenditure totaled approximately $55,000. There were approximately 25 participants eligible to receive benefits at June 30, 2005.

P. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, actual expenditures exceeded appropriations for claims and judgments. This over expenditure will be funded through the tax levy in fiscal year 2006.

Q. Use of Estimates

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

R. Total Column

Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market accounts, bank deposits and the State Treasurer's investment pool. In addition, there are various restrictions limiting the amount and length of deposits and investments.

The Town maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds, except the Trust Funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash and Short-Term Investments". The deposits and investments of the Trust Funds are held separately from those of other Town funds.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town has not formally adopted a policy for custodial credit risk of deposits. At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled $3,540,098 and the bank balance totaled $3,652,045. Of the bank balance, $264,066 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance and $3,387,979 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2005, receivables for the governmental funds, in the aggregate, including the applicable allowance for uncollectibles, are as follows:

Receivables:	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 117,887	$ -	$ 117,887
Real estate tax deferrals	225,154	-	225,154
Tax liens	19,947	-	19,947
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	41,942	(13,600)	28,342
Departmental and other	15,323	-	15,323
Intergovernmental	467,057	-	467,057
Total	$ 887,310	$ (13,600)	$ 873,710

At June 30, 2005, receivables for the water enterprise consist of the following:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Water fees	$ 121,461	$ -	$ 121,461

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

Receivable and other asset type:	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 105,888	$ -	$ 105,888
Real estate tax deferrals	225,154	-	225,154
Tax liens	19,947	-	19,947
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	252,989
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	28,342	-	28,342
Departmental and other	15,323	-	15,323
Intergovernmental	-	232,354	232,354
Total	$ 647,643	$ 232,354	$ 879,997

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 486,681	$ -	$ -	$ 486,681
Construction in progress	253,285	53,872	-	307,157
Total capital assets not being depreciated	739,966	53,872	-	793,838
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	2,935,723	5,500	-	2,941,223
Machinery and equipment	2,856,535	155,758	(57,122)	2,955,171
Infrastructure	261,795	38,251	-	300,046
Total capital assets being depreciated	6,054,053	199,509	(57,122)	6,196,440
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(521,148)	(70,752)	-	(591,900)
Machinery and equipment	(1,751,224)	(256,463)	49,911	(1,957,776)
Infrastructure	(6,811)	(9,364)	-	(16,175)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,279,183)	(336,579)	49,911	(2,565,851)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	3,774,870	(137,070)	(7,211)	3,630,589
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 4,514,836	$ (83,198)	$ (7,211)	$ 4,424,427

Business-Type Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 17,361	$ -	$ -	$ 17,361
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	582,945	50,118	-	633,063
Infrastructure	837,452	-	-	837,452
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,420,397	50,118	-	1,470,515
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and equipment	(62,348)	(19,411)	-	(81,759)
Infrastructure	(73,035)	(16,082)	-	(89,117)
Total accumulated depreciation	(135,383)	(35,493)	-	(170,876)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,285,014	14,625	-	1,299,639
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 1,302,375	$ 14,625	$ -	$ 1,317,000

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:		
General government	$	7,582
Public safety		80,136
Public works		79,173
Culture and recreation		169,688
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$	336,579
Business-Type Activities:		
Water	$	35,493

The Town has elected to delay recording general infrastructure assets acquired before June 30, 2002 as allowed by GASB #34. The historical depreciated cost of these assets has not been compiled.

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the fiscal year the town transferred $5,297 from the General Fund to the Non-Major Fund. The transfer was used to fund a permanent deficit in the Chapter 90 Funds.

NOTE 6 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

The Town is authorized to borrow on a temporary basis to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue or tax anticipation notes (RANS or TANS).
- Capital project costs and other approved expenditures incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANS) or grant anticipation notes (GANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations of the Town and carry maturity dates that are limited by statute. Interest expenditures for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the General Fund.

At June 30, 2005, the Town had the following short-term debt outstanding:

Type	Purpose	Rate (%)	Due Date	Balance at June 30, 2004	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Balance at June 30, 2005
BAN	Town Hall/Police Station....	3.21%	06/16/06	$ 50,500	$ 50,500	$ 50,500	$ 50,500
BAN	Joint Public Library.....	3.21%	06/16/06	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500
BAN	Fire Truck.....	3.21%	06/16/06	-	505,000	-	505,000
				$ 122,000	$ 627,000	$ 122,000	$ 627,000

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

State law permits the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10, to authorize indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of its equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit". In addition, however, a Town may authorize debt in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit".

Details related to the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2005, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Oustanding at June 30, 2004	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2005
Fire Truck.....	4.00 - 6.50	$ 185,000.00	$ -	$ 20,000	$ 165,000
Library.....	4.00 - 5.00	1,085,000.00	-	70,000	1,015,000
Lease Buyback.....	4.00 - 5.00	290,000.00	-	20,000	270,000
Town Hall/Police Station.....	4.00 - 5.00	215,000.00	-	15,000	200,000
Total Governmental Debt....		$ 1,775,000	$ -	$ 125,000	$ 1,650,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental Bonds payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2006.....	$ 125,000	$ 73,661	$ 198,661
2007.....	125,000	68,661	193,661
2008.....	125,000	63,659	188,659
2009.....	125,000	58,661	183,661
2010.....	125,000	53,536	178,536
2011.....	125,000	48,286	173,286
2012.....	125,000	42,911	167,911
2013.....	125,000	37,288	162,288
2014.....	125,000	31,539	156,539
2015.....	100,000	25,726	125,726
2016.....	95,000	20,975	115,975
2017.....	85,000	16,415	101,415
2018.....	85,000	12,250	97,250
2019.....	80,000	8,000	88,000
2020.....	80,000	4,000	84,000
Total.....	$ 1,650,000	$ 565,568	$ 2,215,568

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Enterprise Fund

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2004	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2005
Water Tower.....	4.00 - 5.00	$ 1,225,000	$ -	$ 75,000	$ 1,150,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for enterprise fund bonds and notes payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2006.....	$ 75,000	$ 52,085	$ 127,085
2007.....	75,000	49,085	124,085
2008.....	75,000	46,085	121,085
2009.....	75,000	43,085	118,085
2010.....	75,000	40,010	115,010
2011.....	75,000	36,860	111,860
2012.....	75,000	33,635	108,635
2013.....	75,000	30,260	105,260
2014.....	75,000	26,810	101,810
2015.....	75,000	23,323	98,323
2016.....	80,000	19,760	99,760
2017.....	80,000	15,920	95,920
2018.....	80,000	12,000	92,000
2019.....	80,000	8,000	88,000
2020.....	80,000	4,000	84,000
Total.....	$ 1,150,000	$ 440,918	$ 1,590,918

The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit. At June 30, 2005, the Town had the following authorized and unissued debt:

Purpose	Amount
Town Hall/Police Station.....	$ 3,700,000
Iron Rail Boiler.....	72,000
Water Tower.....	350,000
Fire Truck.....	505,000
Total.....	$ 4,627,000

General Long-Term Liabilities

The Town records its liability for long-term bonds and notes in the Government-wide financial statements. Other general long-term obligations recognized by the Town are its obligations for compensated absence benefits (sick and vacation pay). These liabilities will be liquidated in the future from Governmental Funds.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance June 30, 2004	Bonds and Notes Issued	Bonds and Notes Redeemed	Other Net Increase (Decrease)	Balance June 30, 2005
Governmental Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	$ 1,775,000	$ -	$ (125,000)	$ -	$ 1,650,000
Compensated Absences.....	169,000	-	-	(22,000)	147,000
Total.....	$ 1,944,000	$ -	$ (125,000)	$ (22,000)	$ 1,797,000
Business-Type Activities:					
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	$ 1,300,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ -	$ 1,225,000
Compensated Absences.....	15,000	-	-	1,000	16,000
Total.....	$ 1,315,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ 1,000	$ 1,241,000

NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The Town contributes to the Essex Regional Contributory Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Essex Regional Retirement Board. Substantially all employees are members of the System. In the past, there were public school teachers and certain administrators who were members of the Commonwealth's Teachers Retirement System, to which the Town did not contribute. Pension benefits and administrative expenses paid by the Teachers Retirement Board are the legal responsibility of the Commonwealth. The amount of these on-behalf payments totaled approximately $32,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, and, accordingly, are reported in the General Fund as Intergovernmental Revenues and Pension Expenditures.

The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. Cost-of-living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth during those years are borne by the Commonwealth. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Board and are borne by the System. The System issues a publicly available financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission. That report may be obtained by contacting the System located at 491 Maple Street, Danvers, Massachusetts, 01923.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System its share of the system-wide actuarial determined contribution which is apportioned among the employers based on active current payroll. The contributions of plan members and the Town are governed by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Town's contributions to the System for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 totaled approximately $276,000, $250,000 and $255,000 respectively, which equaled its required contribution for each fiscal year.

Non-contributory Retirement Allowance - The Town pays the entire retirement allowance for certain retirees who are eligible for non-contributory benefits and are not members of the System. The General Fund expenditure for fiscal year 2005 totaled approximately $2,000.

NOTE 9 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. The Town participates in premium-based health care plans for its employees and retirees. The Town participates in a premium-based workers' compensation insurance plan for its employees.

The amount of settlements has not exceeded the coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

NOTE 11 – CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various legal actions and claims are pending against the Town. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2005, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position of the Town at June 30, 2005.

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS

The Town is currently in the design phase of a project to renovate Town Hall and to construct a new Police Station. As of June 30, 2005, the Town has expended approximately $277,000 on the project. The project has been funded through the General Fund and a transfer of $244,000 of unexpended funds from the sale of bonds for the Water Department pump storage facility. The Town has authorized $4,701,000 to be borrowed to fund the remainder of the project. During FY04, the Town received bids for the project. When bids were received, it was determined that the project costs would exceed the original $3.7 million appropriation by approximately $977,000. The Selectmen and the Building Committee then went back to a Special Town Meeting, in August, 2003, seeking additional funding for the project based on the bid amount. This request was approved by the Town Meeting but failed at the ballot. The Town then decided to go back and re-design the project to determine if a project could be built within the current appropriation. The exercise proved that a project could not be built for the appropriated $3.7 million, so the town went back and re-designed the project to achieve the greatest cost efficiency. This exercise resulted in a new project design that proposed the demolition of the existing structure and the construction of a new, two-story building that houses both the Police Department and Town Hall offices. This new project design was projected to cost approximately $1 million dollars more than the original appropriation for a total cost of $4,701,000. An October, 2004 Special Town Meeting was called to seek the additional funding and it was approved at both the town meeting and the proposition 2-1/2 over-ride vote. Subsequently, the Historic District Commission denied the demolition of the existing Town Hall building and the Town has now scheduled an October, 2005 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of seeking approval for various articles designed to address this permitting impasse.

NOTE 13 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During fiscal year 2005, the following GASB pronouncement was implemented.

The GASB issued Statement #40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an Amendment of GASB Statement #3*, which is was implemented during fiscal year 2005. This pronouncement only required changes to the note disclosure.

Other Future GASB Pronouncements:

The GASB issued Statement #42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries*, which is required to be implemented in Fiscal 2006. Management does not believe that this pronouncement will significantly impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, which is required to be implemented in FY2009. Since there is no legally established separate trust for the postemployment benefit plan this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #44, *Economic Condition Reporting: The Statistical Section*, which is required to be implemented in Fiscal 2006. This new GASB establishes and modifies requirements related to supplementary information presented in a statistical section. The presentation of a statistical section is not required by this pronouncement. This pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #45 *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which is required to be implemented in FY2010. Management believes this pronouncement will require additional disclosure and impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement # 46, *Net Assets Restricted by Legislation an amendment of GASB Statement No. 34.* This Statement clarifies that a legally enforceable enabling legislation restriction is one that a party external to a government—such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary—can compel a government to honor. It requires governments to disclose the portion of total net assets that is restricted by enabling legislation. This statement is required to be implemented in FY2006. Management believes that this statement will not effect on the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement # 47, *Accounting for Termination Benefits*. The Statement provides accounting and reporting guidance for state and local governments that offer benefits such as early retirement incentives or severance to employees that are involuntarily terminated. The Statement requires that similar forms of termination benefits be accounted for in the same manner and is intended to enhance both the consistency of reporting for termination benefits and the comparability of financial statements. This statement is required to be implemented in FY2006. Management believes that this statement will not effect on the basic financial statements.

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts		
	Amounts Carried forward From Prior Year	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ -	$ 8,458,219	$ 8,713,338
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	-	455,252	455,252
Intergovernmental	-	959,366	959,366
Departmental and other	-	333,093	333,093
Investment income	-	18,688	18,688
TOTAL REVENUES	-	10,224,618	10,479,737
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government	13,379	871,168	752,505
Public safety	210	1,596,281	1,626,023
Education	-	5,167,736	5,422,855
Public works	44,926	996,791	1,048,920
Human services	5,848	88,804	94,652
Culture and recreation	2,180	655,604	667,392
Pension benefits	-	278,419	278,419
Property and liability insurance	-	103,393	103,393
Employee benefits	13,828	435,895	449,921
Claims and judgments	-	-	85,000
State and county charges	-	109,162	109,162
Debt service:			
Principal	-	253,000	253,000
Interest	-	226,840	226,840
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	80,371	10,783,093	11,118,082
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(80,371)	(558,475)	(638,345)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers out	-	(5,297)	(5,297)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(5,297)	(5,297)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(80,371)	(563,772)	(643,642)
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	1,451,796	1,451,796	1,451,796
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	$ 1,371,425	$ 888,024	$ 808,154

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance To Final Budget
$ 8,767,345	$ -	$ 54,007
556,726	-	101,474
901,614	-	(57,752)
393,085	-	59,992
28,609	-	9,921
10,647,379	-	167,642
705,538	3,238	43,729
1,606,388	6,475	13,160
5,406,933	14,048	1,874
1,030,872	10,957	7,091
81,755	-	12,897
661,518	2,180	3,694
278,407	-	12
98,708	-	4,685
439,598	-	10,323
310,000	-	(225,000)
82,538	-	26,624
125,000	116,000	12,000
80,957	144,212	1,671
10,908,212	297,110	(87,240)
(260,833)	(297,110)	80,402
(5,297)	-	-
(5,297)	-	-
(266,130)	(297,110)	80,402
1,451,796	-	-
$ 1,185,666	$ (297,110)	$ 80,402

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Municipal Law requires the Town to adopt a balanced budget that is approved by the Finance Committee (Committee). The Committee presents an annual budget to the Open Town Meeting, which includes estimates of revenues and other financing sources and recommendations of expenditures and other financing uses. Town Meeting, which has full authority to amend and/or reject the budget or any individual line item, adopts the expenditure budget by majority vote. Increases or decreases subsequent to the approval of the annual budget require a vote at a Special Town Meeting.

The majority of the Town's appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior fiscal year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current fiscal year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent fiscal year's original budget.

Generally, expenditures may not exceed the legal level of spending authorized for an appropriation account. However, the Town is statutorily required to pay debt service, regardless of whether such amounts are appropriated. Additionally, expenditures for disasters, natural or otherwise, and final judgments may exceed the level of spending authorized by majority vote at Town Meeting.

The Town adopts an annual budget for the General Fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original fiscal year 2005 budget for the General Fund includes current year appropriations and other amounts to be raised of approximately $10,783,000 and encumbrances and continuing appropriations from prior fiscal years of approximately $80,000. During the fiscal year the Town approved subsequent appropriations of approximately $255,000.

The Town Accountant has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary control is maintained on an individual line item appropriation account basis. Budgetary control is exercised through the Town's accounting system.

Budgetary - GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Commonwealth)) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting. A reconciliation of budgetary basis to GAAP basis results for the General Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, is presented below:

	General Fund
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis.....	$ (266,130)
Basis of accounting differences:	
Net change in recording 60-day receipts accrual.....	(20,000)
Increase in revenues due to on-behalf payments.....	32,000
Net change in recording ATB liability.....	(6,900)
Net change in recording accrued expenditures.....	9,112
Net change in recording NESWC joint venture.....	19,000
Increase in expenditures due to on-behalf payments.....	(32,000)
Net change in fund balances - GAAP basis.....	$ (264,918)

WENHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

I herewith submit my first annual report as Chief of Police. The past year has been a year of transition for the men and women of the Wenham Police Department. It also has been an extremely busy year in which the Officers have continued to provide a high level of professionalism and dedication to the community. William F. MacKenzie announced his retirement effective August 31, 2005. Ten of those years he served as Chief of Police. On September 1, 2005 I took over as Chief of Police after serving as Sergeant for ten years, Deputy Chief since November 30, 2004, and Acting Chief since July 1, 2005. I believe the future of this agency holds some exciting challenges and positive changes. Continued professional development and training for the officers and supervisors will improve morale and continue to build on a positive and productive police department. I am committed to technological improvements, professionalism, and making this Department the best in the area.

On March 15, 2005, Thomas C. Perkins, an eighteen-year veteran of the Wenham Police Department, was promoted to Sergeant to fill the vacancy created by my promotion to Deputy Chief.

On April 5, 2005, Officer Brian Pratt was promoted to Senior Reserve Officer. We also hired Auxiliary Officers Michael Chase, Michael Henebury, Shane Kavanagh, and Chad Labrie.

Lt. James Foley resigned from the department to pursue other career opportunities. With this resignation, the Selectman and Chief MacKenzie reorganized the structure of the department. On April 19, 2005 Jeffrey W. Tobey, a twenty-year veteran of the Wenham Police Department, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant to fill the vacancy and Officer Christopher Machain was promoted to full-time patrolman. Chris has been with the department since 1992 as a dedicated Reserve Officer. A detective position was then created. On July 31, 2005, Mark Fraser was promoted as the new Detective. The Detective has been extremely proactive in various investigations. This position works closely with area detectives, drug task forces and has been focusing on drug activity, crime suppression, sexual assaults and assisting patrol officers with any ongoing investigation.

In December, a long time member of the Wenham Police Department left to join the Danvers Police Department. Eric M. Clarizia joined the Wenham Police as an Auxiliary Officer in 1992, made Reserve in 1997, and full time in 2005. Eric is a dear friend, a gentleman, and will be sorely missed. I wish him well in the department in which I began my career.

It was necessary to replace Officer Clarizia. After interviewing interested Reserve Officers and Auxiliary Officers, the Board of Selectman voted to hire Michael J. Mscisz on the recommendation of the Chief and command staff. Michael has been with the department for nearly two years. In December, Officer Mscisz was assigned to the Reading Police Academy until the end of May of 2006.

On November 11, 2005, we replaced personnel within our Auxiliary and Reserve Force due to the movement within the department. David Marsh, Joy Fleck, and Laura Ktistes joined the Wenham Police Department. Officer Marsh was appointed Senior Reserve Officer, effective November 20, 2005. Officer Fleck was appointed Auxiliary Officer and Basic Reserve Officer, effective November 20, 2005. Officer Laura Ktistes was appointed Auxiliary Officer effective November 20, 2005.

The year 2005 brought forth many major events that did pose some challenges for the department. Tragedy struck on June 25, 2005. Lipica Pradhan, a Pleasant Street resident, was planting a flower in her front yard in memory of her grandmother who had just passed away. She was struck by a passing motor vehicle being operated by an inexperienced and unlicensed operator. Despite attempts by the Wenham Police, Wenham Fire, and Paramedics from Lyons Ambulance Service she was pronounced dead at Massachusetts General Hospital. The members of the Police and Fire Departments along with all the town employees and residents of the community were devastated.

On August 5, 2005, the town experienced a "micro-burst." Multiple roads in the town were affected immediately after the storm due to a number of trees knocking down power lines. The west side of town bore the brunt of the storm. Topsfield Road, Cherry Street, and Eaton Road suffered serious damage. Many trees fell on houses and vehicles in that location. One house on Eaton Road was severely damaged along with a vehicle parked in the driveway that was completely destroyed. Two people were temporarily trapped in their motor vehicle by power lines that fell on and around their vehicle on Cherry Street near Pleasant. Fortunately, there were no injuries sustained by residents or emergency personnel. The professionalism demonstrated by all involved was outstanding.

In September, Officer David Doyle and Det. Mark Fraser and a resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, were commended in the successful apprehension of an individual who attempted to break into a Topsfield Road residence. Thanks to the homeowner who confronted the individual, copied down the plate number, and remained calm and the diligence of Detective Fraser and Officer David Doyle, the man was arrested in the City of Peabody. The defendant also committed several housebreaks on the North Shore.

On October 14, 2005, the Wenham Police Department lost a long time employee and good friend. Chief Constable Ralph E. York passed away. The new Wenham Police motto is Dedicated to Community, Committed to Serve. I think that sums up what Ralph York's life was all about. Ralph worked for the Wenham Police for over thirty years and served in many capacities such as Chief Constable, Captain of the Auxiliary, and Reserve Officer. Even long after retirement Ralph would respond on his own to direct traffic at an accident scene or some other tragic event. He truly was "Mr. Reliable." The officers of the Police Department, Ralph's family, friends and residents of the community met at the First Church to honor and to say good bye to a departed family member, resident and friend.

Thanks to the grant writing abilities of Officer Donald Woodbury and Sergeant Thomas

Perkins the department was the recipient of grants totaling $30,299 this year. As a result of these grants we were able to provide a number of additional services without having an adverse effect on the budget. The Governor's Highway Safety Grants enabled us to schedule extra patrols for the purpose of enforcing seatbelt and speeding laws along with intensive patrols to enforce drunken driving laws.

The Homeland Security Grant, with assistance from Sheriff Frank Cousins and the Essex County Sheriffs Department, enabled the department to install mobile laptop computers in our police vehicles. This will allow officers the capability of accessing police records and enable them to complete registry inquiries in the field. I would like to thank Sergeants Perkins and Tobey and Officer Woodbury for making this project become reality in the first three months of the new administration.

The Community Policing Grant provided the department with specialized training, a new Wenham Police Department Web Page, establishment of the T.R.I.A.D.program, and the ability to continue the state accreditation process. The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program will help to ensure that our standards are in accordance with other departments in Massachusetts and that they will meet the demands of today's society. I recommend you visit the website at www.wenhampolice.com. Safety Officer Jon Gray was instrumental in setting up the new website and with the online survey we have identified issues that residents have concerns with. We are attempting to address those concerns by rotating the "Speed Display Trailer" in neighborhoods and following up with increased traffic enforcement. We continue to ask residents to be our "Eyes and Ears" and report suspicious activity. We enjoy a low crime rate and by us working together we can solve quality of life issues and continue to keep our town safe.

On October 15, 2005 the Wenham Police uniform was changed to heather gray shirts with blue piping and updated-style patch. The redesigned uniform was designed by the officers themselves and adds a crisp new look. The uniforms bear new tombstone-shaped patches depicting Wenham Lake. The new patches that are navy blue, gray, and gold replace the shield model, which was navy blue and yellow. This is the fourth patch in the department's history. The garrison-style hat popularized by Gen. Douglas MacArthur during World War II and worn by many Massachusetts police departments, including the State Police will continue to be worn. The Flying Cross Heather Gray shirt replaces the french blue shirt previously worn. A half-inch heather gray stripe with navy blue piping replaces the half -inch french blue stripe down each leg on the navy blue trousers. Jackets and sweaters will continue to be navy blue with the new patch on each arm. The Wenham Police Department wanted to be unique in the area. The officers have also established new heather gray dress blouses and an active honor guard unit for funerals, parades, and other special events. Neptune uniforms in Haverhill assisted with the design and outfitted the officers.

When it comes to emergency preparedness Wenham is extremely lucky to have had such dedicated individuals that paved the way for the rest of us. Wenham emergency workers were conducting Incident Management long before it was coined the phrase.

Acting Fire Chief Blanchard and I have had meetings in regards to several Emergency Management issues. We have also met with the Town Administrator about additional funds for a generator for the Buker School, additional cots, food for emergency situations, the possibility of setting up a Local Preparedness Committee, and setting up drills. The town received a $14,000 award for equipment including six generators to be used for individual homes with no electricity. All Police and Firefighters have also received specialized training in National Incident Management.

We are in the process of implementing change and reorganizing our Police Reserve and Auxiliary units. Our goal is to enhance public safety by Reserve Officers serving as volunteers to be Community Service Officers. The Reserve unit will continue to supplement regular full time police officers. The Auxiliary police will become the Community Service Officers and we will expand their service to our community by addressing quality of life issues in neighborhoods and assisting at the station. We are working with the U.S. Department of Justice Assistance to implement this program which is referred to as the Volunteers in Police Service, or "V.I.P.S", here in Wenham.

It is my hope that we can continue to build on and develop a number of projects such as a citizen's police academy, rad-kids program, and others in the near future to improve the quality of our department and the services we deliver to the public.

I would like to express my thanks to the following people for assisting me this past year, If I inadvertently overlook someone I am heartily sorry for my omission.

First of all, I would like to thank my Administrative Assistant, Sue Hersee. Sue is incredible and I cannot say enough about what she does to make this department run everyday. Thank you, Sue.

I would like to thank my second in command Administrative Lieutenant Lawrence Kavanagh for his assistance in implementing and supervising the Detective, the court prosecution unit, and firearms program.

The men and women of the Wenham Police Department continue to go above and beyond for the citizens of Wenham. Officers like Senior Patrolman David Doyle are invaluable to the younger members of the department.

I would like to wish Retired Fire Chief Cal Perkins well in his retirement and thank him for always being there when we needed him. I would also like to thank Acting Fire Chief Bob Blanchard. I look forward to working together in the years to come.

I would like to thank James Foley for his twenty-three years of service to the town and wish him well in his future endeavors.

We could not have provided the necessary services without the co-operation and assistance of Dan Lynch and the rest of the Highway Department and Bruce Blanchard at the Water Department.

I appreciate the assistance of the Town Administrator Jeff Chelgren and his Administrative Assistant, Nichole Hagstrom, Town Accountant Rich Viscay, Treasurer/Collector Sarah Johnson, Town Clerk Fran Young, Kathy Teel, and everyone at Town Hall.

We appreciate the assistance rendered to us by Ann Marie Cullen and the dispatchers at the Hamilton Wenham Communications Center and also thank the members of the surrounding police departments for their assistance this past year.

I also would like to thank Trudy Reid for her efforts toward the T.R.I.A.D. program and for her commitment to the senior citizen population. TRIAD is a national initiative that began in 1988. A TRIAD represents a three-way partnership among a community's senior or retired leaders, its local Chief of Police, the County Sheriff, and the District Attorney. A primary goal is to address crime issues that affect the health and safety of older citizens. These three part TRIAD teams work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly and to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons. I have envisioned a program like T.R.I.A.D in town for quite some time and without people like Trudy and the folks that volunteered it would not have been possible.

I would like to thank Chief MacKenzie for the years of service to the town and his guidance during the transition and throughout my career.

In closing, I want to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, for giving me the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police for the town that I have served since starting out as an Auxiliary Officer in 1987. Their assistance and guidance as we have dealt with the many issues this past year has not gone unnoticed. I would also like to thank the residents of Wenham for their continued support of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth M. Walsh, Police Chief

"Swearing In" Ceremony
New Police Chief - Ken Walsh

WENHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2005 was a very busy one for the Fire Department. The year was marked by many changes.

The 1975 ladder truck was taken out of service after it was determined that the cost to repair it would be far more than it was worth. The ladder served the town well for many years; it was subsequently sold on eBay. The special Town Meeting in March overwhelmingly voted to purchase a new combination pump and ladder truck called a "quint." After the bidding process, the Sutphen company in Ohio was chosen to build the apparatus for the Town. The projected delivery time for this vehicle is early in the summer of 2006. We would like to thank all the Town's people for their generosity and support throughout this process.

A Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant was awarded to the Department for $70,000. Chief Perkins applied for this grant for the purpose of purchasing a brush truck. This truck is expected to be delivered in the spring of 2006. Thanks to Lisa Wood for her grant-writing assistance, and all the members of the Department who volunteered many hours to help design and plan the building of both trucks. The Wenham Fire Company matched a percentage of the grant with a generous donation of $3,966.00. The Fire Company continues to donate money for emergency equipment through their many fund raising events. Thanks to all the Fire Company members and their families for all their hard work.

In May, a Massachusetts Firefighters Grant for equipment was received in the amount of $15,000. This money allowed members of the department to purchase much needed turnout gear.

"Swearing In" Ceremony
Acting Fire Chief - Bob Blanchard

The activity of the Fire Department continues to increase. This past year we responded to 559 incidents. The breakdown of incidents is as follows:

Incident Type	Number of incidents	Percent of total calls
Fire; Overpressure/Overheat; Hazardous Condition	92	16.44
Rescue; Emergency Medical Services	219	39.17
Service Call; Special Incident; False Alarm	216	38.62
Severe Weather	32	5.72

The Fire Department is staffed by one full time fire inspector; Captain Baxter performs all the Department's inspections as well as coordinates all of the fire education programs. Captain Baxter is also one of the 33 call firefighters who respond to fire and medical calls twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. I would like to thank all the call firefighters for their continued dedication to the Department. The time spent on training, much of which is unpaid, is very much appreciated. Their commitment to responding to fire and medical calls helps to keep the cost of public safety down.

The most significant change for this year's report is that Chief Calvin Perkins retired on December 31, 2005 from 30 years on the Wenham Fire Department, including 4 1/2 years as Chief. As Cal Perkins looks forward to his retirement, it is appropriate for the community to give thanks for his years on the Wenham Fire Department. Cal's contributions over the past three decades have been significant. Throughout many changes during those years, there has been a constant: Cal has demonstrated a commitment to the town of Wenham. Cal was instrumental in the development of the current Medical Aid program. He took a leadership role in securing funds for the Fire Department from sources other than the annual Town budget. He emphasized community education about health initiatives, such as CPR and defibrillators. He secured private donations and government grants, and he was always looking ahead toward the next priority for the Department. As an active member of the Wenham Fire Company, Cal participated in numerous fund raising activities to benefit the Fire Department. People in town have witnessed Cal working at countless musters, Pancake Breakfasts, Bean Suppers, and annual Barbecues. All of these activities have made it possible for the Department to receive emergency rescue equipment and other items outside of the annual Town budget. Throughout Cal's three decades of firefighting, he experienced many of the major fires in the area, including: New England Board of Higher Education (Wenham), Hill's Department Store (Ipswich), Elliott Chambers (Beverly), Loeb/Mullen Estate

(Beverly), Mullen Estate (Wenham), and the Lynn fire of 1981. All of Cal's contributions must be put into the context of being a "call firefighter." The very nature of the job includes being constantly interrupted from one's own activities to respond to the needs of those in Town. Within this role, Cal Perkins consistently held one of the highest response percentages on the Department. After thirty years, Cal Perkins retired from this role in December -- and he will be missed.

Chief Perkins' retirement left the position of Chief open. I have been appointed as Acting Chief, and the management team has been filled with several promotions:
Steven Kavanagh as Deputy Chief, Jeff Baxter and Dan Sullivan as Captains.
Congratulations to David Raymond and John Joyce who were promoted to Lieutenant, filling positions opened by the senior staff promotions. I thank them for their hard work toward making the transition go smoothly. Most importantly, I would like to thank every member of the Department for their dedication to the work they do.

Robert A. Blanchard,
Acting Chief
Wenham Fire Department

Retirement Party - Chief Cal Perkins

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD

The Hamilton-Wenham Emergency Center is staffed by veteran dispatchers who care deeply for the two towns. During 2005, we logged 25,543 calls for service in our two towns. Many cities and towns have a problem with turnover in the communications center but that is not the case in Hamilton and Wenham. A combined 112 years of experience serve the towns. This is due in great part to the support we receive from the towns, allowing us to be well trained and have good equipment.

Training is important to keep up with the changes in technology such as geographic information systems (GIS), voice over internet protocol (VOIP) and new 9-1-1 changes. To keep informed, we have become active in the Massachusetts Communications Supervisors Association. This organization works closely with the State Emergency Telecommunications Board and all communication centers to promote training across the Commonwealth. I serve as president for 2005-2006.

The Northeast Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) is the regional homeland security group for our area, made up of 85 communities. They are focused on preparing all residents for any type of disaster, natural or manmade. Improvements have been made to the regional radio communications systems for both police and fire. A major undertaking was a campaign to help citizens prepare for any type of emergency situation. Security in Knowledge gives information on how to prepare a family emergency kit and what each threat level requires. Citizens will be informed by local presentations and can also go to securityinknowledge.org. I serve as the communications representative for the 85 communities. For more information, go to nerac.org.

In 2005, updates were made to the local radio system. The fire network was converted to a repeater system allowing for improved coverage in both towns. In addition, portable radios were purchased for all call firefighters. Chief Perkins and Chief Stevens secured grants which paid for the project. New voting receivers replaced old equipment on the police side.

Technical problems have delayed the implementation of the community warning system. Working closely with the Town of Ipswich to join their existing network, we expect to be on line by early spring of 2006. Since we started the project, several improvements have been made and we will have a state of the art system.

The most rewarding part of dispatching is the friendships made within our public safety community. This year two long time public servants and good friends retired. Chief William MacKenzie, Wenham Police and Chief Calvin Perkins, Wenham Fire left the Town of Wenham after each serving the residents for over 30 years. Having worked with them for their entire careers, I will miss them for their knowledge, experience and friendship. Good luck Bill and Cal. Thank you to the residents for your continued support and to the town employees in Hamilton and Wenham.

Anne Marie Cullen, Chief Dispatcher

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is served by nine dedicated employees who provide excellent service to the Town of Wenham. Our responsibilities are extensive and varied. These duties include the maintenance of the cemetery, the town's buildings, parks and grounds, the repair and upkeep of all town vehicles, and the continuous effort to provide safe roadways. Assistance is also given to the water department when the situation warrants.

The winter of 2005 arrived with snowfall on January 8-16-17-22-23; February 10-11-21-28; march 1-8-9-11. This proved to be a very challenging season for the Department. Snowfall accumulations exceeded 100 inches and were the second highest accumulations on record. For December of 2005 the only snow plowing event was on December 9 th. This was the only December storm of significance. Our primary tasks were to plow snow, clear sidewalks and sand/salt for ice conditions.

The spring season included the annual clean up of the town, ball fields, and parks. Once again through the efforts of the Highway Department, the ball fields were ready for opening day. The cemetery and downtown area were cleaned and mowed in preparation for the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies.

During the summer construction season, highway crews readied Larch Row for paving. This was the largest paving project in the last five years with a price tag in excess of $170,000. All funding was paid under the Mass Highway Department Chapter 90 Program. The Highway Department added two new slides at Pingree Park this summer. The slides were purchased by the Hamilton/Wenham Park and Recreation Department. A new walking path adjacent to the Iron Rail Soccer Fields was installed by the Public Works crews. The path was constructed with Engineered Wood Fiber. This material meets ADA compliance for handicap accessibility. The crew also maintained parks, cemetery and town-owned properties.

Fall work included the preparation of all parks and cemeteries for winter. In addition, irrigation lines were cleared; lawns were limed, seeded, and fertilized. The crew also handled the pickup of leaves throughout the Town. The leaf pickup was scheduled to begin on November 1, 2005, but was postponed by the selectmen until November 14, 2005. Early snow caused an interruption in the leaf pickup program.

Daniel S. Lynch
Director of Public Works

John Pews, General Foreman

Frank Eldridge, Heavy Eq. Operator
Shawn Davis, Driver/Operator
Richard Hicks, Heavy Eq Operator
Robert Veil, Mechanic
Donald Maidment, Heavy Eq. Operator
Lenny Tuneburg, Mechanic/Operator
William Wildes, Driver/Operator

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

2005 was the inaugural year for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) in Wenham. Town meeting voted on and passed acceptance of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and the Town voted on and passed the Act at the ballot box.

CPC is composed of nine (9) members; five (5) from standing town committees and four (4) at-large volunteers. Committee membership is as follows:

Housing Authority	(Elizabeth Armington) Marion Linden	
Historic District Commission	Jennifer Tymann	
Planning Board	Virginia Rogers	
Joint Recreation Committee	Renee LaForce MacDonald	
Conservation Commission	Patrick Wilson	Chairman
At-Large	Greg Heppner	Vice Chairman
At-Large	Susan Quateman	Secretary
At-Large	Jamie White	
At-Large	Herbert Cheeseman	

The CPC began holding bi-monthly meetings in September and set up a schedule to meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

The primary task of the CPC in its first year was to create a Community Preservation Plan. This plan addresses the four areas the CPC covers; historic preservation, open space, affordable housing and recreation. Each section of the plan reviews the history of Wenham, town resources, general and specific issues and concerns to be addressed and a vision of how the CPC should positively impact our town. The CPA plan is intended to be the document that will guide the committee and town as it embarks on this new initiative.

Another task of the CPC in 2005 was to establish criteria for project development and evaluation for the four sections of the Act. These guidelines will be used by the committee to evaluate and judge potential projects as they are brought before the group. These criteria and guidelines were presented during a public hearing in November. A copy of these is available on the town website, along with the application to request CPA funding for individual projects.

The CPC encourages all Wenham residents to aid the work of the committee by sharing concerns, insights and ideas for optimal implementation of the CPA in Wenham. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Wenham Community Preservation Committee

TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

As calendar year 2005 began, the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee was continuing with its efforts to implement the directive of the October 19, 2004 Special Town Meeting that had approved the demolition of the existing town hall building and the construction of a new, combined town hall and police station building on the 138 Main Street site. The members of the Committee were Jeff Chelgren, Albert "Win" Dodge, Richard Gourdeau, Douglas Hall, William MacKenzie, James Purdy, Richard Quinn, Thomas Tanous and John Darling, Chairman.

Under the Town's Historic District Bylaw, the demolition of the existing town hall and the construction of the new building required the approval of the Historic District Commission. The Committee held preliminary discussions with members of the Commission and then, on behalf of the Town, filed an application with the Commission for the demolition and the new construction.

A hearing was held on March 29, 2005. Subsequently, the Commission denied the application. Among other things, the Commission's decision stated that the existing town hall building should not be demolished but, instead, should be preserved and renovated.

Because of the specific direction given by the October 2004 Special Town Meeting - to demolish the existing building and to construct a new, combined town hall and police station – the Committee and the Board of Selectmen filed an appeal of the Commission's denial.

The Committee then filed a second application with the Historic District Commission in July. Changes were made to the Main Street façade of the proposed new building. A hearing was held on August 25, 2005. The Commission later denied the second application for essentially the same reasons as given in its denial of the first application.

The Committee and the Board of Selectmen brought the project back to a Special Town Meeting on October 5, 2005. The Committee and the Board of Selectmen reported to the Town that in view of the Historic District Commission's denial of the applications for approval of the new building project, an exemption from the Wenham Historic District Bylaw would be required in order to carry out the project as directed by the earlier Special Town Meeting of October 19, 2004. An article was proposed to change the Bylaw so as to provide an exemption for town building projects first approved by town meeting. Another article was proposed to provide additional funding for the project in order to address a significant nationwide increase in construction costs.

The Special Town meeting did not approve these articles. Instead, the meeting approved an article that directed a return to the original project approach approved by the Town Meeting of May 2002 – renovation of the existing town hall building and construction of a new police station. The article further provided that the new police station could be attached to the renovated town hall or free standing. The balance of the $4.7 million in funds that previously had been appropriated for the project was redirected to the new project. No new funds were appropriated. Proponents of the return to a project approach that included the renovation of the

existing town hall building advocated that funds from the recently approved Community Preservation Act program should be used to help fund the town hall renovation portion of the project.

By late fall, several members – Win Dodge, Richard Gourdeau, William MacKenzie, James Purdy, and Richard Quinn - had retired from the Committee. The Board of Selectmen then appointed several new members to the Committee. The reorganized Committee included the following members: Donald Bannon, Todd Brainard, Jeff Chelgren, John Clemenzi, Harriet Davis, Stanley Dodge, James Howard, David Mehlin, William Nichols, Thomas Tanous, Benjamin Tymann, Kenneth Walsh, Kenneth Whittaker, and John Darling.

At year's end the Committee had begun work on implementing the project as revised by the Special Town Meeting of October 5, 2005.

John E. Darling, Chairman

WENHAM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in 1997 to oversee the planning and development of safe pathways in Wenham, while maintaining the rural character of the town. A Master Plan, completed in 1999, was professionally crafted to conciliate engineering requirements and the rural character of our town. It identifies seven top priority roads: Maple Street, Topsfield Road, Pleasant Street, Larch Row, Grapevine Road, Cedar Street and Walnut Street. There is a committee member for each of the above roads. Maple, Topsfield and Pleasant have been completed. Grapevine will be completed this spring. Larch Row will be the next road to be examined.

A new path has been built along the edge of the Iron Rail Soccer fields. Made of fiber mulch, this path is wheel chair and bike friendly. Similar to Cherry Street, this path gives residents a chance to get off the busy street and enjoy the beauty of our fields. Thanks to generous gifts from Gordon College, Mullen Advertising, and Notre Dame Nursery School as well as many Grapevine families, next spring the sidewalk will extend from the soccer fields down Grapevine to the intersection of Larch Row. Hopefully, with a successful fundraising effort, the sidewalk will continue down Larch Row to Main Street in Wenham!

So far this year, we have raised $14,965. Our committee has also met with the Community Preservation Committee and has submitted a proposal for CPA funding. If you have any questions, our committee would be happy to answer them.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped or contributed to the improvement of Wenham roadside paths and as always, special thanks to the diligent workers in the Department of Public Works.

Fanny de Lacvivier, Chairman

Committee Member: Conrad Willeman, Betsy Miller, Tisha and Bill Charman, Sue Evans, Moira Riccio, Mary Hull, Win Dodge, Patty Cavanaugh, DPW Supervisor John Pews and Selectman Peter Hersee.

WENHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Our water quality remains excellent and meets or exceeds all existing standards. To help protect our supply and maintain this quality, we have taken a pro-active approach regarding Underground Storage Tanks (UST's). At the 2004 annual town meeting, a new bylaw was passed for testing UST's to ensure that they are not leaking and contaminating our water supply. Part of this by-law makes financial assistance available to help homeowners pay for the cost of testing UST's. Because of the extraordinary site remediation costs associated with a UST release, identifying and preventing a potential problem through a relatively low-cost UST test is a smart investment for a property owner, made even smarter by the availability of financial assistance through Wenham's UST testing program. Therefore, we encourage homeowners to take advantage of this program. We would also recommend that homeowners with fuel tanks in their basements should replace the pipe connecting the tank to the furnace to avoid costly fuel spills. Please call the Water Department at 468-5531 for more information or go to the web: www.mass.gov/dep/images/homeownr.pdf

Meter replacement continued in 2005; the second year of a five- to six-year town wide upgrade program. Once this program is completed, we will have the ability to read water meters via a radio signal by just driving by each home. This will greatly enhance the reading and billing procedure resulting in increased efficiency and accuracy.

New construction techniques have been developed which will allow us to replace the Lord's Hill water tank, rather than painting and repairing the existing tank. We will be proposing this new scenario at the 2007 town meeting. Although the initial cost of replacing the tank is greater than just painting and repairing, the new tank will be pre-stressed concrete and not require the ongoing maintenance which the current tank requires. This will result in substantial cost savings in the long term.

Finally, we await the outcome of the judicial appeal that Wenham and neighboring communities filed of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) proposed new requirements for our water usage under the state Water Management Act (WMA). These new constraints would drastically diminish our ability to use water for lawn and garden irrigation, as well as require us to raise our rates substantially. Although water conservation has always been one of our main focuses, we feel that the DEP's proposed WMA permit is not based upon science, and seeks to impose an inflexible "one size fits all" approach to water conservation rather than taking into account the unique circumstances found in Wenham. In 2005, we also paid down much of the approximately $182,000 we as a town incurred in legal and technical costs associated with the DEP appeal.

As always, we would like to thank the many town officials and residents who help to keep Wenham Water among the best around.

Richard K. Quateman, Chairman
Benjamin B. Tymann
Richard M. Carnevale

Bruce D. Blanchard, Superintendent

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

	2004	2005
TOTAL WATER PUMPED	118,136,000 (Permitted withdrawal:	120,449,000 142,350,000)
MAXIMUM DAY	774,000	773,000
AVERAGE GALLONS/PERSON/DAY	73.57	69.40
HARDNESS (Calcium)	170.5 mg/l	159.0 mg/l
MILES OF WATER MAIN	27.75	27.75
FIRE HYDRANTS	209	209
WATER SERVICES	1,123	1,129
NEW SERVICES ADDED	7	6
METERED WATER SALES	$390,818.70	$506,133.08
OTHER INCOME	$10,000.54	$12,290.00
TOTAL INCOME	$400,819.24	$518,423.08

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For Fiscal 2006, the total value of assessed real and personal property increased by $72,923,963 or 9.8% over last year from $745,094,602 to $818,018,565. By comparison, the increase last year was $52,849,030 or 7.6%. All but $2,803,563 of the increase occurred in the residential category.

The town again benefited from significant "New Growth" of $7,438,676 which added $88,558 to the Levy Limit.

The median, detached single family Wenham residence is now assessed for $543,900; an increase of $42,100 or 8.4% over last year. The average, detached, single family Wenham residence is now assessed for $633,909; an increase of $51,926 or 8.9% over last year.

Despite the significant increase in expenditures approved at the May 2005 Town Meeting, the tax rate declined by $0.71 or 6% from $11.91 per thousand valuation to $11.20 per thousand valuation. The principal reasons for the decline are a $260,000 "credit" for anticipated debt service payments for the construction of a new Town Hall that was voted at the May 2004 Town Meeting but never spent, as well as the significant increase in assessed values described in the first paragraph.

The effect of the higher assessed values was almost entirely off-set by the tax rate reduction of $0.71, producing an increase of only $116 or 1.9% in the real estate tax bill of the median, detached, single family house in Wenham, which is now assessed for $6,092.

During Fiscal 2005, we received 38 abatement applications, of which 16 were fully or partially approved for a total abated assessed value of $1,078,336. We also approved the following real estate tax exemptions:

Statute	Number	Amount
Chapter 59, CL 22, 22A, & 22E - Veterans	17	$4,775
Chapter 59, CL 37A – Blind	5	2,500
Chapter 59, CL 41A – Tax Deferral	8	27,821
Chapter 59, CL 41C – Senior 65 & over	13	13,000

One senior had their taxes reduced by $750 as a result of their participation in the Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program.

This was a more difficult year for us than past years. As a result of Assessor resignations and an expiring term, there were three open Assessor positions in the May 2005 Town elections. No citizens decided to seek election for any of these three positions. Consequently, the Board of Selectmen appointed the current Assessors to one year terms.

This was also a triannual revaluation, certification year which required many additional hours of work to generate documentation to satisfy an intense and lengthy review by the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue of our classification methodologies, values and property record cards. Additionally, during the year, our part-time Principal Assessor, Steve Gasperoni, completed the Department of Revenue required "10 year full property review" by conducting field visits to the remaining 50% of Wenham properties that he had not previously inspected.

We want to again thank the taxpayers of Wenham for their patience in their interactions with us. We try hard to fairly apportion the tax burden by making assessments that approximate the market value of properties, consistent with its present use, within the statutes and rules that guide our decisions. As everyone knows, this is not an exact science and is made more difficult with the rapid but uneven rise in property values over the last several years.

John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman
David E. Bonnette
John DeSimone

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 173 building permits were issued this year, including 3 new residences. The total amount collected in permit fees during the year was $41,377.

According to the state building code, a building permit is required for any work in which structural members are altered or where a plumbing and gas or electrical permit is required.

CHARLES BRETT
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

A total of 163 permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $7,440.

Plumbing fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per fixture); $30 replacement fixtures (includes 3 fixtures) minimum fee $30.

Gas fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per appliance); minimum fee $30.

WILLIAM THOMAS
Gas & Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A total of 136 electrical permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $21,459.

Permit fees for new construction, additions, and remodeling are $10 for the first $1,000 of estimated building costs as determined by the building inspector and $3 for each additional $1,000.

In order to obtain an electrical permit, the licensed electrician must submit proof of liability insurance, including completed operations coverage, or a signed waiver from the building owner.

ROBERT. B. BROWN, JR.
Electrical Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

The year of 2005 found the BOH actively participating in the Federal and State program for dealing with terrorism. The BOH has provided an emergency dispensing site at the Buker School and has provided the necessary equipment and supplies to run the site. The Town has volunteers to aid in the dispensing and administration of the clinic. Our first training for the volunteers was held as a joint effort with the town of Hamilton. It is imperative that the volunteers and the Board members continue to be vigilant and take an active part in Northeast Coalition. The website is up and running, which supports and provides the information that, is necessary to the citizenry of the Town. As the threat of terrorism continues to be pushed by Washington, the Board must respond.

The Wenham Board of Health reviewed and permitted the upgrade of 28 septic systems and 6 new systems during the calendar year.

The Wenham Board of Health was involved with the following Epidemiology Surveillance and Reporting cases:

Reported Disease	Number of Cases
Lyme	27
Babesiosis	2
Giardiasis	1
Rabies	2
Campylobacter	2
Ehrlichiosis	1
Salmonellosis	1
Pertussis	1
Hepatitis B	1
Total	38

For the Board of Health
Frank P. Giacalone

PLANNING BOARD

There were two major issues that consumed the majority of the Planning Board's time and energy this year. The first, very visible, was the development of the Dodge property at 181 Main Street into twenty-four units of age-restricted housing. The Town, at its last Annual Meeting, voted in the affirmative for the concept. Since that time several meetings and hearings have been held leading toward a Special Permit. Most issues have been worked out with the developer, Windover Development LLC, and we expect the permit to be issued very soon. A sticking point has been the provision of the required "affordable" units. The Developer has made very attractive proposals to the Board, but they have slipped away at the last minute due to circumstances beyond the control of the developer. There is good will in our working relationship and we hope for resolution very soon.

The other issue that has been of great concern to the Board is the protection of the Town's water supply. The owner of a nineteen acre piece of property on Pleasant Street wishes to convert that property into cash. The property lies in Zone 1 and Zone 2 of the town's only (2) wells. The Board feels that it would be in the Town's best interest to buy that land or buy the development rights to it so that it cannot be developed. Passage of the Community Preservation Act last year provides possible (bondable) funding for such a purpose. As of this writing there are still many unknowns. The only certainty is the problem of allowing possible contamination of our drinking water.

Everyone wants better cell phone reception but almost no one wants the antennae in their neighborhood. Except Gordon College. The Planning Board approved a third antenna to go inside the Memorial Chapel steeple at the college. The proposal to put a 100-ft. flagpole antenna on the "Wallace lot" behind the police station never formally got to the Planning Board even though a site lease agreement was signed with the town and two carriers would have co-located on the flag pole tower. The west half of Wenham continues to have poor service from most carriers.

There was the usual number of divisions of land from one lot into two, and even one of combining two into one. There was a proposal to create zoning for a Municipal District. The Board favors this idea and recommends that the idea be considered independently of other proposals.

David Geikie, Chairman
Virginia Rogers
Ernest Stan Dodge
Donald Killam
Gretchen Roorbach Wagner

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The report of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Wenham for the year 2005 is submitted herewith. This was a fairly busy year for the Board of Zoning Appeals, with petitions submitted for nine separate matters. Seven of the petitions were granted, one was continued, and one was withdrawn.

The first petition was a request by the Town of Wenham for a special permit to erect a 50 foot antenna for public safety use. The tower was requested to be erected near the water tank in the Pleasant Pond area. Several neighbors expressed concern about the location of the proposed tower, and after discussion, the Board granted an appropriate special permit.

The next petition was for a special permit to allow a mortgage brokerage business to be conducted from a residence located at 19 Hull Street. The Board determined that the proposed use was consistent with the site, and granted the petition, subject to a number of conditions designed to ensure that the proposed use did not adversely affect the neighborhood.

The next petition was for a variance in order to add a second story at 36 Batchelder Park. A variance had previously been granted to permit addition of a mudroom and bathroom, and the Petitioners were seeking a variance to permit a second story addition. After consideration, the Board agreed to the Petition on the condition that the structure's existing footprint was not enlarged or otherwise modified.

The next petition was from the Wenham Village Improvement Society for a variance to create a non-conforming lot at the Hobbs House at 4 Monument Street. The Society explained that they wished to create a separate lot so as to facilitate sale of the Hobbs House. The Board determined that the conditions for a variance were satisfied, and granted the petition. This decision was subsequently modified so as to confirm the variance after it was determined that the dimensions of the non-conforming lot were slightly different than those originally presented.

The next petition was for a special permit for construction of an accessory apartment and a special permit to conduct a business making cookies in an accessory building's kitchen at 36 Topsfield Road. After consideration of the facts, the Board concluded that both special permits could be granted without adverse effect to the residential character of the neighborhood.

The next petition was for a variance to build a garage within the 20 foot front and 15 foot side setback at 15 Porter Street. The Petitioners' home sits on a non-conforming lot, and the existing garage does not satisfy the 15 foot side setback requirement. The Petitioners wished to extend their garage in such a way that would be no closer to the side lot line, but would be within the 20 foot setback requirement. Given the unique configuration of the lot, the Board granted the variance requested.

The next petition was for a special permit to change the existing non-conforming use at 79 Main Street from an interior design, antique business to a landscape architect's business. The Board determined that the proposed usage would not adversely affect the residential character of the neighborhood, and granted the petition.

The next petition related to the proposed construction of an accessory structure at 4 Gussett Road. There was significant concern expressed by neighbors and abutters, and this matter was continued into 2006.

The Board also considered a petition by Gordon College for a special permit to install field lights to the height of 55 feet at the Brigham Athletic Complex. Gordon College presented its lighting plan and erected demonstration lights. There was significant objection to the lights expressed by neighbors and abutters, and after extended hearings, the petition was withdrawn.

This report is hereby submitted on behalf of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

James Westra, Chairman
Anthony Feeherry
Timothy D. Mansfield
Francis J. McNamara, III
Jonathan A. Stringer

Newly Opened Iron Rail Cemetery

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Your Cemetery Commissioners continue to meet one afternoon a month at the Town Garage. We welcome any visitors to our meetings which are posted (date and time) in the office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall.

The Main Street Cemetery has been closed to further new burials. We have used all available space; however, burials will continue in this area in old established family plots.

The IRON RAIL CEMETERY is now available and residents may purchase lots in this beautiful area we have set aside for Town residents. An informational bulletin will be available for those considering purchase with rules and regulations outlined. The beauty of the spot off Rubbly Road is very special, and we invite townspeople to come in and visit the grounds at any time. We have signs in place to indicate the entrance.

Our faithful Burial Agent, John Pews, will be retiring in June of this year, 2006. He will be missed. He has been Burial Agent for several years and has done a superb job with record keeping and keeping a good eye on the expenses of ongoing projects. We wish him well in his retirement and will miss him.

We are pleased to announce that John will be replaced by Richard Hicks as our new Burial Agent. Ricky has been in the employ of the Town of Wenham for many years and we are pleased that he has accepted this appointment. Our Cemeteries (Main Street, the historic Fairfield Cemetery and the new IRON RAIL CEMETERY) will be in good hands.

We also thank Dan Lynch, our Highway Superintendent, and the Wenham Police Department for their continuing protection of the properties both day and night.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of Charles Brigham for personal reasons, and Richard Caves will be filling Mr. Brigham's spot as Commissioner. Rick has lived in Wenham all his life and is bringing up his family in Wenham. He will be an asset to the Board.

Burials this year in the Main Street Cemetery were 17 burials in total consisting of 4 full (or casket) burials and thirteen cremations.

Dorothy Dodge Maciejowski
Dana Bagnell
Richard Caves

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA), adopted in 1972, is a statewide wetlands protection law that includes regulations, policies and guidelines to govern activities near wetlands, water bodies, and other areas "subject to protection". Work in these areas is regulated in order to protect the important roles that wetlands serve including:

- Protection of public, private, and ground water supplies
- Flood control
- Storm damage prevention
- Pollution prevention
- Protection of fisheries, wildlife habitat, and land containing shellfish.

The primary responsibility for administrating the interest of the WPA falls to local conservation commissions. In 1988 the Town of Wenham adopted the Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw. Wenham's local wetlands bylaw is more stringent than the WPA in that it requires greater setbacks (minimum distances) from wetlands in which activities can occur.

Any activity within 100 feet of a wetland resource requires review by the Conservation Commission, and many activities require a permit. Based on the bylaw, septic systems may be located no closer than 100 ft from a wetland and no construction activity may occur closer than 50 ft. from a wetland. In addition, the bylaw states that no activity or disturbance of any kind may occur closer than 30 ft. from a wetland, with the exception that a driveway or utility line may pass as close as 20 ft. to a wetland.

The Town of Wenham consists of approximately 40 to 45 % wetlands. Wetlands, also known as swamps, bogs, and marshes, are identified according to three criteria:

- Plant and tree species
- Existence of water in the soil (called hydrology)
- Soil type, determined by color and composition

Information on approximate wetland locations in the Town of Wenham is available through the Conservation Commission office at Town Hall. Moreover, the Conservation Coordinator is available to help residents make preliminary and cursory determinations on wetland locations and boundaries. Actual delineation of wetland boundaries for permitting purposes, however, must be performed by licensed wetlands professionals. The Conservation Commission urges Wenham residents with any questions pertaining to wetlands to contact the Conservation Coordinator at 978-468-5526 or via email at LHansen@wenhamma.gov .

In 2005 under the state and local wetland laws, the conservation commission:

- Granted permits for nine new projects

- Extended one wetland mitigation permit for another year
- Denied one request for a variance
- Amended two construction permits
- Issued eleven certificates of compliance
- Provided four determinations of applicability
- Issued two enforcement orders

The Conservation Commission and/or its coordinator made approximately 100 site visits to monitor construction, confirm wetland boundaries, and assist homeowners with the permitting process. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection issued a superseding order for a permit granted in 2004 for a Chapter 40B development on Burley Street. The Conservation Commission is currently appealing that decision.

In addition to protecting the town's natural resources, the conservation commission is also charged with the stewardship of certain parcels of open space in the town. A number of these parcels have conservation restrictions governing their use.

This year marks the completion of one of the largest wetland mitigation projects undertaken in Massachusetts. The restoration of the Vitale site in North Beverly and the wetland mitigation project along Airport Brook extending from the Vitale site to Wenham Lake in Wenham was completed in November 2005. The majority of the fly ash that eroded from the Vitale site to Airport Brook was removed, replaced with clean soil, and planted with native wetland plants. Some of the sediment near the mouth of Airport Brook in Wenham Lake was also removed and replaced with clean soil during a low water event in the fall of 2005.

Geralyn Falco left the position of Conservation Coordinator in February, and Linda Hansen was hired as the new Conservation Coordinator for the Commission. There were no changes in commissioners during the year. The position of Conservation Officer is currently not filled.

Please introduce yourself to the new Conservation Coordinator and help us serve the community better by providing your ideas, concerns, and insights. The Commission encourages all residents to protect Wenham's natural resources by adhering to the state and local wetlands laws and by conserving water, recycling and composting organic wastes. The Commission also urges residents to limit their use of fertilizer, weed control and pesticides and reminds residents that use of these substances is strictly regulated near wetlands. For information or guidance on any of these issues, please contact the Conservation Office.

Philip Colarusso
Kenneth Whittaker
Robert Burnett

Roland Bonnette
Leo Maestranzi
Malcolm Reid

Patrick Wilson
(Chairman)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Wenham Historic District Commission issued thirteen Certificates of Appropriateness for modifications to existing buildings, new construction, and signs within the Historic District in 2005. The certificates issued included:

1. A sign for *Alexander's* at 154 Main Street
2. Signage for *Irresistibles* at the Wenham Tea House
3. A sign for *Web While You Wait* at 152 Main Street
4. A new wooden picket fence at 149 Main Street
5. A new kitchen addition, two new dormers, and a porch conversion at 101 Main Street.
6. A temporary real estate sign at 34 Main Street
7. Window enlargement, entryway removal, two new windows, and an addition in the rear at 187 Main Street
8. New Wooden shutters at the Wenham Tea House.
9. A temporary banner at the Wenham Museum
10. An addition to the southwest corner of the house at 170 Main Street
11. A picket fence along Main Street and a solid wood fence on the northern border of the property at 101 Main Street
12. A new wooden sign for *Wenham Building & Land Design* at 77 Main Street
13. The removal of an addition on the west side of the Hobbs House.

The Town Hall Police Station Project

Much of the Commission's focus during 2005 was devoted to the Town Hall project, and therefore a synopsis of events is provided here.

In October 2004, Town Meeting voted to go ahead with a project proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Hall/Police Station Building Committee to demolish the existing150 year old Town Hall and build in its place a larger structure to house both the town offices and the police station. However this project had not yet been approved by the Historic District Commission. The Commission had previously made it known to Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen that it was opposed to the demolition of the historic Town Hall and felt that the proposed new building was too large for the site in the town center.

In January and February 2005 several members of the Commission met several times with members of the Town Hall/Police Station Building Committee and the architect in an attempt to find a compromise solution that would allow the Town Hall/Police Station project to move forward. The members of the Commission offered a number of solutions including adding the police station to the existing Town Hall, and building a new smaller building than the one proposed with the front door facing Main Street and a façade that replicated that of the existing Town Hall. The Building Committee would not accept any of these compromises.

On March 7, 2005 Mr. John Darling, chairman of the Building Committee, submitted an application for Certificates of Appropriateness and Hardship for demolishing the existing Town Hall and building the new single structure for the town offices and the police station as originally proposed. A public hearing was held on March 29, 2005 and follow up hearings were held on April 4th and April 28th. At the hearings the Building Committee and the Architect, Mr. J. Stewart Roberts, presented the proposal. The selectmen and several members of the audience spoke in favor of the plan. Commission members expressed concerns about (1) protecting the rare state of preservation of the town's historic center, (2) the large size of the proposed structure relative to its lot and adjacent buildings and (3) the absence of a door, full entablature and steps on the proposed structure's Main Street side. At the April 28, 2005 hearing the Commission voted 6-0 to reject the applications for Certificates of Appropriateness and Hardship for the project. A report on the decision was subsequently sent the Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen and the Building Committee then filed a lawsuit against the Commission and each member of the Commission in Essex Superior Court. The purpose of the suit was to ask the court to reverse the decisions not to issue Certificates of Appropriateness or Hardship for the project. The Commission asked Mr. Carl King, an attorney from Marblehead, to represent it and the members in contesting this suit. Mr. King agreed to do so on a *pro bono* basis.

At the suggestion of counsel, the Commission offered to meet with the Building Committee and offer several frameworks for a compromise including (1) a two building solution; (2) a police station attached to the rear of the existing Town Hall; and (3) preserving the façade of the existing Town Hall building with a new combined Town Hall and police station inside the preserved façade. This offer was rejected by the Selectmen and the Building Committee, who indicated that they only wanted to discuss their existing proposal. Mr. King then drafted an answer to the complaint filed by the Selectmen and the Building Committee, reviewed it with the Commission and submitted it to the court in June.

In July, the Building Committee resubmitted its application for Certificates of Appropriateness and Hardship for the project indicating that that some changes to the proposed design had been made. A public hearing was held on August 4, 2005 and then continued to August 25, 2005. The Building Committee and the Architect presented again the proposed project and explained that a simulated door-like structure and entablature had been added to the Main Street side of the proposed building, explaining that a decision had not yet been made as to whether the door-like structure would indeed be a working door. Arguments both for and against the proposed project were presented by members of the audience. However the Commission voted to reject the applications for Certificates of Appropriateness and Hardship by votes of 4 to 3. A report on the decision, including a minority report submitted by those members of the Commission who voted to approve the project, was sent to the Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission subsequently voted in September to ask the Board of Selectmen to put on the warrant for an upcoming special Town Meeting an article which if passed would transfer the funds appropriated for the single project to a project which would preserve the existing Town Hall and build adequate facilities for the police. The Board of Selectmen refused to put this article on the warrant. Members of the Commission then worked with other citizens of Wenham and gathered 253 signatures on a petition which put the article on the Warrant for the October 5, 2005 Special Town Meeting. At that Town Meeting, the article passed by better than a 2/3rds majority effectively transferring the appropriated funds to a project preserving the Town Hall and building adequate facilities for the police.

The Board of Selectmen eventually withdrew the law suit against the Commission and its members.

Proposed Removal of the Municipal Buildings from the Historic District
On July 13, 2006, the Historic District Commission received from Jeff Chelgren, the Wenham Town Administrator, a notification of a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Historic District Commission that would remove from the Historic District "*Buildings and structures operated or leased and operated by the Town of Wenham*". This amendment was to be voted on in the Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 5, 2005. By law the Historic District Commission had submit to the Town its recommendation on the proposed amendment. It did so in a report submitted to the Town on August 18, 2005.

This report recommended that the by-laws not be changed to exclude the municipal buildings for the following reasons.

1. The Main Street Corridor is a unique aspect worth protecting.
2. Removal of municipal buildings and structures from the Historic District would entail removal of one of the most visible and architecturally significant building from the District, the Town Hall.
3. Removal of municipal buildings and structures from the Historic District would facilitate the construction of structures that may be incongruous to the District.

In addition the report noted that the proposed article was probably not legal. Chapter 40C the Massachusetts State Law that enables the formation of historic districts does not provide for identifying by "owner" buildings or areas to be removed or excluded from an historic district. A recent court case in Springfield supported this principle.

At the Special Town Meeting on October 5, 2005 the article to remove the municipal buildings from the Historic District was rejected by a wide margin.

Commission Membership
The Commission regrets the departure this past year of the three members, Dana Bagnell, Bill Anderson, and Linda Ahearn. The Commission welcomed three new members Mike Lucy, Tom Zampell and Tyson Goodridge.

Al Klebe, Chairman (District Resident)
David Mehlin (Architect)
Robbie Corcoran (Wenham Resident)
Jennifer Tymann (Wenham Resident)
Tom Zampell (Wenham Resident)
Michael Lucy (Wenham Resident)
Tyson Goodridge (Real Estate Broker)

IRON RAIL COMMISSION

There were several changes in the Commission membership due to the resignation of long-time Chairman Charles Thibeault after 13 productive years. During those years, annual net income from the property increased from $35,000 in 1992 to more than $100,000 by 1997 and has remained constant since then.

Radical improvements in the property and its management have increased its value to the Town. The heating, plumbing, electrical and fire alarm systems were all upgraded. Aluminum gutters and exterior doors were installed and the building was painted inside and out. The barn was renovated for additional rental space. Many of the improvements were completed at the tenants' expense. Other major projects were completed in cooperation with other town agencies: installation and completion of three soccer fields with the Hamilton Wenham Youth Soccer Association; conversion of the orchard area for the new town cemetery and construction of a pumped water storage tank by the Water Department.

In 2005 Tara Rand was appointed to replace Charlie Thibeault as chairman and Ted Wadsworth was appointed to join the commission as secretary.

All of the available space in the main building and the barn is currently rented as well as the soccer fields.

During 2005 the following improvements were made: installation and troubleshooting of a new boiler, relocation of the fire alarm panel, construction of the bicycle and pedestrian path through the property.

The net income from the Iron Rail Property for FY2006 is anticipated to be approximately $108,000.

Tara Rand, Chairman
A. Winslow Dodge
William Hidden
James Perkins
Theodore Wadsworth

COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Wenham Council on Aging is to provide and advance programs and services to enrich the lives of older adults in the community. The Wenham Council on Aging is a state mandated council. Council members are volunteers.

2005 was a very good year for the Wenham Council on Aging. Here are some of the highlights for the year:

- Senior van service, is running at near-capacity, 5 days a week, and occasional Saturday service. In 2005, the van provided over 3,000 trips for Wenham and Hamilton seniors, most of these being to doctors and shopping.
- Director Trudy Reid has increased the frequency of the senior newsletter to 10 issues a year, and has initiated several significant senior assistance programs, including: SHINE (Supporting the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly) and TRIAD (programs to ensure the safety of seniors).
- Many great trips, including Boston Pops, Cabbage Island, Foxwoods, and the annual ice cream social.
- The annual Wenham Tea House Social once again had maxed-out attendance.
- Coffee socials were held twice a month, on Saturday mornings at the recreation building, and there were many good speakers.
- Holiday plants were distributed to over 180 seniors over the age of 80.
- A Friends of The Wenham Council on Aging was initiated to assist in funding programs for Wenham seniors.
- The Senior Work Off Abatement Program, which allows Wenham residents over the age of 60 to perform work for the Town of Wenham at a rate equal to minimum wage in order to earn credit towards their property tax bill, had two participants. Under this program, senior residents are allowed to earn up to $750 in credit, which is applied to their property tax bill. For More Information Please Contact: Trudy Reid, Council on Aging Director.

In 2006, with the guidance of its newly formed Programs Committee, the Council will significantly increase the number of programs for Wenham seniors.

General meetings of the Council, currently, are held in the Recreation Building, the second Tuesday of the month, at 2:00 PM. All town residents are welcome to attend.

Council on Aging Board Members:

Jack Hauck, Chair
Richard Eddy, Vice President
Luci Lynch, Recorder

Mary Kelly	Jean Marchant
Barbara Morrell	Jane Richardson
Kit Richardson	Merle Welsh

Associate Council Members:

Nancy Spofford	John Suminsby Jean Eddy
Roseanne Brozenske	Marion D'Ambrosio

An urgent request is made to Wenham residents to become active in supporting the Wenham Council on Aging. Please contact the Director, Trudy Reid, to learn how you might help this essential organization. The Council office number is 978-468-5529.

HAMILTON-WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING VAN SERVICE

The Hamilton-Wenham Council on Aging handicap-accessible van has completed its second highly successful year of operation. After a relatively slow start in January of 2004, ridership has significantly increased with impressive usage being reported each month. Many seniors now use the service to go to their medical appointments which may include rides to Beverly Hospital, Hunt Hospital and Ipswich. Other rides include non – medical trips to the hairdressers, grocery shopping, church, crafts at Enon Village, banks and train stations. They provide the drivers the most positive feedback, saying that this invaluable service is a lifeline to them, especially during our long New England winters, when driving can be quite difficult.

The van service now operates five days a week, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. In addition, the van makes monthly Saturday mall trips, with volunteer drivers, all arranged and organized by the Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club. In December, the van made two trips to the mall, to assist the seniors with their holiday shopping. During the month of November, the van went in for body work. During this time, the H-W Community House was gracious to lend us one of their vans, so the COA van program could continue to provide rides to seniors. For this, we would like to thank the Community House.

During the month of December, we said goodbye to John Marks. Mr. Marks originally joined the van program as a van driver and shortly thereafter, was promoted to Van Supervisor. John's personality was a wonderful asset to the program, where he made friends with the van drivers and van riders alike. Replacing John as the COA Van Supervisor is Trudy Reid, current Director for the Wenham Council on Aging. Although we hated to see John leave, the two town administrators, the selectmen, councils on aging and the van advisory committee took this opportunity to join the two positions since Mrs. Reid's office supports both positions and she also had experience in working with the van program.

The following Mission Statement is deeply rooted in a philosophy common among and shared by the staff at the COA: "The purpose of the Hamilton-Wenham Van program is to provide transportation services that will not only enrich the lives of our senior population but allow them to maintain a sense of independence as well."

Trudy Reid
H-W COA Van Supervisor

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wenham Housing Authority with the assistance of the Executive Director is responsible for the administration of Enon Village; the attractive apartment complex for the elderly/disabled on Larch Lane and the two four-bedroom houses for disabled adults also on Larch Lane. The Housing Authority cooperates with both the WISSH Committee and the Accord Food Pantry to ensure that tenants have access to needed social services.

Eighty-nine residents, some of whom have barrier-free apartments, currently occupy the eighty-four units. Our present waiting list consists of 65 people which is somewhat less than the previous year. There were 13 vacancies in 2005; compared with 7 vacancies in 2003 and 13 vacancies in 2002. Income eligibility for residency increased in the fall of 2004 to $46,300 for one person and $52,950 for two persons.

The buildings and grounds at Enon Village are neat and well cared for. Timely maintenance, modernization and painting keep the buildings in good condition. Tenants also continue to benefit from the community at Enon Village. Each tenant who desires a garden plot is assigned one. Additionally, plots are available to seniors in Wenham and Hamilton depending on availability. In the last few years several elders from Wenham and Hamilton have raised vegetables and flowers along with the tenants here.

The Lunch Program administered by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School continues to be successful. The lunches are open to elders from either Hamilton or Wenham and there are a few residents of each town who participate in the program. This year the Council on Aging and the High School cooperated on a Thanksgiving luncheon and it was well attended by both Enon Village tenants and others in the two communities. The Tenants have a very active association and are involved in recreational activities as well as fundraising activities such as their Christmas fair. Proceeds from the fair have been used for local scholarships and similar charities. In 2004 the Tenants association purchased a CPR doll for the Fire Department to use in CPR demonstrations. Contributions were made by the tenants association to the Police Department in 2005. The tenants have also received information about the TRIAD department and tenants have received emergency contact forms from the Triad Program to be placed on refrigerator doors in the event that emergency personnel must enter the units.

The Council on Aging van service is well-utilized by the tenants at Enon Village. The number of tenants using the service increased over the past year.

Once again, we wish to express our appreciation to the Police, Fire and Highway departments for their continued concern and support on behalf of the Enon Village residents. Also, we wish to thank the Wenham Post Office for making stamp purchase available at Christmas time right at Enon Village. We'd also like to thank the Wenham Council on Aging and the Wenham Public Library for making life more pleasant at Enon Village. Also, appreciation is given to the Hamilton Wenham Garden Club for their workshops here.

The Board of Commissioners meet at least 10 times per year on the second Tuesday of the month in the community building at Enon Village. Board members and the Executive Director have also attended WISSH meetings and in September, the Housing Authority appointed Commissioner Elizabeth Armington to the town's Community Preservation Act Committee. The Housing Authority's Executive Director is Ms. Armington's alternate.

Finally, if anyone is interested in visiting the facilities at Larch Lane or if they have any questions, please contact Marian Linden, Executive Director at the Housing Authority at 468-1532 Monday through Thursday.

Marcia Molay, Chair & State Appointee
Marion D' Ambrosio, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Armington, Treasurer
James Stelline, Asst. Treasurer
Phyllis Sullivan, Commissioner

Marian Linden, Exec. Director
Patrick Henry, Maintenance
Dennis Quinn, Maintenance
Marie DiPietrio, Ad. Assistant

WISSH COMMITTEE

The Wenham Issues of Social Service & Housing (WISSH) Committee members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Established to assist Wenham residents who are in need of emergency financial assistance and to promote affordable housing in Wenham, WISSH also acts as a referral agent to help with unmet needs for Wenham residents. The Committee meets monthly, except for July and August.

This year the WISSH BY-LAWS were reviewed and amended and POLICIES AND PROCEDURES were rewritten. Both were reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen on December 20, 2005.

Programs under the guidance of WISSH are as follows:

NORTH SHORE CONSORTIUM: The Town of Wenham receives money annually from the Consortium, through H.U.D. (Housing and Urban Development). This money may be used for the rehab of a residence, First Time Home Buyer Program or rental assistance. A WISSH Committee member attends the monthly meeting at the Consortium. Contact Ann Shaw for rehab, First Time Home Buyer Program, or rental assistance at (978) 468.3399.

JIM BRADY CAPITAL REPAIRS FUND: The Brady Fund offers low interest loans for capital home repairs of a residence. Loans of up to $15,000 are deferred until the sale of the property. This year there was one loan grant. Contact Ann Shaw for repair loan information at (978) 468.3399.

LOCAL INITIATIVE HOUSING: There are twelve affordable housing units located near Gordon College. Eight of these units were purchased by families in and outside of Wenham and four units were purchased by Gordon College faculty. At this time there are four names on the lottery waiting list in the event a unit becomes available.
Nichole Hagstrom, at the Wenham Town Hall, is the Coordinator of the lottery waiting list.

EMERGENCY FIFNANCIAL ASSISTANCE: In 2005 there were twenty-two requests for emergency financial assistance from Wenham residents. The majority of the requests were for home heating fuel and electricity. A financial screening is done to determine eligibility for assistance. Strict confidentiality is always maintained by using a number coded system to transact the financing. Contact Sue Harnisch, WISSH Coordinator, for financial assistance at (978) 468.2495.

Anyone interested in serving on the WISSH Committee, please contact our Town Administrator, Jeff Chelgren at (978) 468.5522.

Committee Members

Sue Bannon
Susan Carp
A. Win Dodge
Susan Harnisch
Jack Hauck
Donald Killam
Donald Luxton
Cal Perkins
Margaret Scoglio
Ann Shaw
Tom Tanous
Ken Walsh

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

This department is charged under Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws with providing services to veterans, their survivors and dependents. Principal workload under state law includes the administration of aid to veterans and dependents. Communities fund this program, which is subsequently 75% reimbursed the following fiscal year by the Commonwealth. This is a need based program and the department is required to conduct periodic comprehensive review of the cases to insure no substantive facts have changed, while working with the veteran to identify alternative or long-term solutions to individual circumstances. During the calendar year no Wenham veterans/widows were on this program. Under state law the department also assists qualified veterans to obtain bonuses, and qualified veterans, widows and parents to obtain state annuities, property tax abatements, and other benefits.

The Veterans' Services program also mandates extensive interaction within the federal community, principally with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents in filing for pensions, service connected injury/illness compensation, dependency indemnity compensation for survivors, VA healthcare enrollment, insurance claims, decedent claims, and many other issues. Federal benefits processed by this department are paid directly to those eligible to receive the assistance or entitlement. The VA sent approximately $240,000 to eligible recipients in Wenham, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately $84,000 dollars paid to or saved by those assisted in Wenham.

Additionally, the department interacts within the federal community to correct military records, obtain needed documentation and insure veterans/dependents receive awards and recognition to which entitled. The VSO provided information, advice or assistance to 19 of the town's 177 *identified* veterans and 2 of the 35 *identified* veterans' widows during 2005. We also provide support and information assistance for National Guard and Reserves called up for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families.

The Director and the Assistant to the Director, Georgia Gadbois, advocate for veterans on issues at the local, state and federal level, interact with elected and appointed officials on issues, and work with local organizations in serving the community. Key state legislation passed in 2005 included an omnibus bill entitled "The Welcome Home Bill" that provided bonuses for military personnel serving since September 11, 2001, increased annuities for 100% service-connected disabled veterans and Gold Star parents and wives, and special benefits to Massachusetts National Guard personnel called to active duty. The department also provided information, assistance and guidance for senior citizens in determining their needs for Medicare D insurance.

The Eastern Essex District is composed of the Towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Rowley, Wenham and West Newbury. A Board of Directors consisting of one selectman (or designee) from each town maintains oversight. Mr. Donald Pickard is the Wenham member of the Board of Directors.

Terrance P. Hart, District Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council awarded slightly more than $4,000 in state funds for the year 2005 to local artists and performers in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The ten-member Council strives to select events that will enrich and appeal to all sectors of the community. There were 24 applications for grants this year. Whole or partial funding was given to 11 a sampling of which follows:

❖ Bessie Buker	Museum of Fine Arts (Pass Grant)
❖ HW Public Library	Alexander the Jester
❖ Open Road Theatre	"Robin Hood"
❖ John Root	Senior Citizen Concert
❖ Sundays in Patton Park	Summer Concerts
❖ Tre's (NS Baroque Ensemble)	Concert at Wenham Museum
❖ Michael Tougias	"Night of the Blizzard"
❖ Veterans for Peace	Annual Peace Poetry
❖ Winthrop School	Poetry Alive

On November 10, 2005, the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council voted on and granted $5,600 for 12 grant applications for the year 2006.

The Council would like to thank the following members who stepped down from the council in 2005: Mary Anne Ciriello, Meg Crossan, Sara del Rio, Chris Eaton, Mary Jo Favazzo and Helen Ribet. Your service and dedication to the arts, humanities and sciences in Hamilton and Wenham is greatly appreciated by all. The Council would like to welcome the new members to the council: Lorrie Berry, Deirdre Samuelsson, Elizabeth Roberts, Mary Buntin and Meredith Gisness. Residents of Hamilton and Wenham with an interest in the arts may want to consider applying for a position on the Council. Council members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen. There are positions open on the Board for the coming year.

Joanne Jones and Meredith Gisness, Co-Chairpersons

HAMILTON – WENHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Our commitment to continue to fund facility improvements, even in hard economic times has become more trying. We were able to place a new structure at School Street in Hamilton and new slides at Pingree Park and also renovate the tennis courts at Pingree Park so that they will last another 10 years. We are attempting to work with the Hamilton-Wenham Library to install a pre-school structure at the joint facility.

Many thanks to the Youth Sports Organizations for their continued support in working to help maintain our athletic fields, particularly in the development of a maintenance plan for the Donovan property.

On the program side of our mission, new programs include a summer sports camp with the U.S. Sports Institute, pre-school gymnastics, craft class and, after school hoops and winter sports jam clinics with Wildcat Sports Inc.

Our wish list still includes a teen center at the old library and the development of the High School sports fields, for which CPA funding has been requested.

Recreation Board Members:
Lindle Willnow, Chairman
Denis Curran
Bob Kerrigan
Renee LaForce-MacDonald
Jane Lyman
David Parry

Recreation Department:
Maggie Whitesell, Director
Diane Brown, Administrative Assistant

RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents by meeting physical and recreational needs. We promote life-long lesions through play, education and community wide events.

HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hamilton-Wenham Public Library had a very exciting year in 2005. The Library Trustees who served during 2005 were Blanche Day, Wendy Daynes, Doris Gallant, Annette Janes, Madelyn Liberti, Joanne Ridinger, and Elizabeth Stanton. They are to be commended for their leadership and dedication to the library. I began my tenure on March 14, 2005 and thank the town officials, town employees, trustees, and patrons who warmly welcomed and assisted me. Shirley Raynard did a wonderful job as Interim Director from November 2005 until February 2006 and the staff has been extraordinary. The two towns are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated, hardworking, and creative staff who go the extra mile every day to fulfill the library's mission.

During 2005, we reached a record annual circulation of 197,396 items. We continue to promote reading and the joy of learning in all that we do. Our newest book group, Literary Luncheon, has been a great success along with the Monday Night, Mystery, and Mother-Daughter book groups. 624 adults enjoyed our Adult Summer Reading Program. Our Armchair Travel Program gave those who stayed in the area for the summer a chance to "virtually" visit Alaska and the Panama Canal.

Our Summer Reading Program "Going Places @ Your Library" attracted 1,078 children and included popular programs such as Vehicle Night, Alexander the Jester and a Magic Show with Scott Jamison. Our Young Adults enjoyed portrait workshops taught by students from Montserrat, drama workshops with Jape Payette and a photography contest. Other programs offered throughout the year included babysitting courses taught by the American Red Cross, school visits, special storytimes presented by many groups and individuals including Cape Ann Early Intervention, Baby Bookworms (a new story time program for our youngest citizens), and a Teen-Advisory Group.

Our meeting room was very busy in 2005. 759 activities were held at the library including municipal and group meetings and Open Road Theatre rehearsals. 358 of these activities were library programs attended by 18,383 people. We also worked in collaboration with the Community House to present an afternoon film event and hosted six art shows that were displayed throughout the library.

The Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library are again to be commended for their generous support throughout the year. They held two very profitable book sales and a successful membership drive. Due to their energy and enthusiasm, the library has the following museum passes to offer the public: Boston by Foot, Children's Museum in Boston, Cape Ann Historical Museum in Gloucester, DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, JFK Library and Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Roger Williams Park and Zoo, and the Wenham Museum. The Friends also provided for our many programming needs so that we were able to offer varied programs for all ages throughout the year including a monthly Koffee Klatch for seniors; a Mardi Gras Extravaganza; concerts by Tara's Thistle and the First Congregational Church of Hamilton Bell Ringers; book talks by authors Doug Buchs and Michael Tougias; workshops on Feng Shui, Home-based Business Tips and Grant-Writing; and our first cooking class featuring Chef, Jacqui Bushee. The Friends are a

wonderful, helpful, and hardworking group of volunteers. Without their support, our wide array of programming would not be possible.

We thanked our team of library volunteers with a special volunteer reception on May 14 featuring entertainment by the Quintessentials. We truly depend on the support and efforts of our volunteers. They do so many vital and extra tasks for the library. This event also gave us the opportunity to thank Blanche Day for her thirty years of service as a library trustee.

Another unprecedented event was hosting the Red Sox Championship Trophy at our library on April 13. It was a lovely warm spring day and over 1,000 patrons waited patiently in the sunshine to have their pictures taken with the trophy. This was a fun time for all.

This was an important year for the library as it is the first time that the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library has an approved Long-Range Plan on file at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The trustees, planning committee, and staff worked hard to develop a plan for the library that would guide us through the next five years. The NorthEast Massachusetts Regional Library System (NMRLS) assisted us with four separate planning sessions and helped us compile the results of almost 400 surveys. The state approved our plan in November, making the library eligible to apply for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants. The whole exercise was very valuable and has already propelled us into action; positive improvements are continually being made at the library.

This year, we were able to offer two databases for our patrons. Ancestry.com Library Edition has been very popular with our genealogists and the ABC-Clio Geography Database was purchased especially to assist students in Middle and High School. Both databases are available on our website www.hwlibrary.org. Ancestry.com has components that can be accessed from home using one's library card barcode and the Geography database can be accessed remotely with the user name and password of *hwplpatron.*

We also upgraded our consortium software in June and made Wireless Internet possible on December 30 through a Comcast Courtesy Connection and donated router installation by GorilLAN, Inc. Many patrons are now able to access the Internet throughout the library with their laptop computers. Our reference department also offered Internet classes and hosted tax help seminars for seniors.

We received two grants: a $600 grant from NMRLS which was used for purchasing music CDs and a $5,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation which will be used in 2006 to promote literacy for children and English Language Learners.

Our website at www.hwlibrary.org is continually being updated with current information, programs and events. We produce a quarterly newsletter, monthly column in the Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle, and offer an events email list to keep our patrons informed of happenings at the library.

We added parking signs, repainted the parking lines, revitalized the grounds, and look forward to enjoying the spring tulips and hyacinths planted by the girl scouts in October.

I have had a wonderful year serving as library director and consider it a privilege and a joy to work for the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham. The trustees, staff and I look forward to expanding and improving our services in 2006.

Jan Dempsey
Hamilton-Wenham Public Library Director

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

MAPC provides technical and professional planning assistance to 101 communities surrounding Boston. Wenham is one of 15 cities and towns in the North Shore Subregion. Each city or town has one appointed member.

The whole council meets two or three times per year at various sites in eastern Massachusetts. The subregion meets about eight times per year, usually in the Danvers Library. Guest speakers discuss new developments in the planning field, and new programs, problems or ideas are exchanged.

The Council adopted a five-year Strategic Plan (2005-2010). The major goals of the plan are:

1. Developing a comprehensive regional plan to serve as a region-wide framework for planning, advocacy and collaborative action. Supporters will include elected and state and local appointed officials as well as business and non-profit stakeholders.
2. Concentration of expertise and knowledge that will enable integrated research, credible information and professional planning services in all areas of planning municipalities and related private sector entities.
3. Building regional capabilities by encouraging inter-local and common purpose collaboratives.

4. Provide an organization with a clear identity and an engaged membership through effective communications, productive partnerships and accessible professional services. Some of the proposed sub-programs will
    a. Disseminate a marketing packet about MAPC resources and opportunities.
    b. Expand MAPC coverage in local media, press, radio, television and the web.
    b. Expand research and publication activities.

During the year, representatives from various planning and advocacy groups briefed the membership on numerous issues of common interest. Some of the issues discussed were historic preservation, land-based wind power, the open space network protection and promotion of local agriculture, protection of water resources, meeting housing needs, the Community Preservation Act, regional transportation and highway projects.

Much of the Council's emphasis was placed on affordable housing and Smart Growth. Wenham is approaching the 10% goal of affordable housing, which will make the town eligible for some state funding programs. The townspeople's continuing choice of maintaining the rural quality of the town make it unlikely that the votes would support much development under the Smart Growth program.

Theodore R. Wadsworth
Representative to MAPC

ANNUAL REPORT

HAMILTON-WENHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2005

TOWN REPORT 2005

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Marinel D. McGrath, Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to present 2005-2006 Annual Report for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. As you read the school reports, you will note that the strength of our school district is in the quality of our students, our faculty, our support staff, our school leadership, and our two communities.

During the 2005-2006 school year, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) had an enrollment totaling 2185 students with 948 in the elementary grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade five, 524 in the middle school grades six through eight, and 713 in the high school grades nine through twelve. The school district goal is to provide an engaging and comprehensive curriculum that challenges all students and raises their achievement level. Our students must meet not only our own local learning standards, but also the learning standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those of colleges across the country.

To realize the HWRSD goal, teams of teachers and principals work diligently to strengthen the academic program for higher student achievement by embedding all state framework requirements within a strong District curriculum. Through state and federal grants and the generosity of the Hamilton and Wenham Education Fund, teachers availed themselves of quality staff development programs to ensure successful implementation of programs. Through the dedication, commitment, and caring of our teachers and support staff, Hamilton and Wenham students were recognized for their achievements in the academics, arts, athletics, and activities during the 2005-2006 school year. Our elementary students participated in artists in residence program; our middle school College Bowl students scored first place in a statewide competition and our sixth grade won first place in Essex County for their participation in the New England Mathematics League math team. Middle School students also were recognized for their achievements in band competitions and the Boston Globe Art Awards. Our high school students received awards at the local and state level in history and science, the New England Drama Festival, Boston Globe Key Art Awards, District Band and Chorus, Massachusetts All-State Band and Cape Ann League athletic titles including first in football and swimming while the girls' soccer team advanced and competed in the state Division III championship final.

The May 2005 MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all four subject areas tested *(see Director of Curriculum's report for detail). Every* member of the Class of 2006 has passed both the English and math sections of the MCAS which will enable all of them to graduate in June. In the area of college admission test scores, 91 % of HW Regional High School students took the SAT I with an average score of 1149 (Verbal - 575 and Math - 574). Eighty-seven students took 110 Advanced Placement examinations in Calculus, English Literature, European History and U.S. History, and achieved an average score of 3.9 out of 5.0. The Class of 2006 has one semi-finalist (Laura

Krachman) and eleven commended students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

During the 2005-2006 school year the District completed development of a Strategic Plan for the years 2005-2010. Approximately 300 teachers, students, parents, and community members contributed to the process and the development of themes, goals and strategies. The creation and implementation of this strategic plan provides both direction and priorities for district-wide and school-based initiatives over the next five years.

The H-W Regional School District continued its collaboration with the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham through the Towns/School Budget Process Committee (T/S BPC). I believe that the successful passage of the FY 06 school budget for $22,106,483 and the Proposition 2 ½ Override for $690,210 was due to the commitment made by the towns and the school district to develop our budgets with much more collaboration that produced a consensus-driven result.

The full funding of the FY 06 budget request and override enabled the District to take a second step forward in balancing our curriculum between the subject-centered and student-centered needs of our students at all three levels. For the second successive year, the HWRSD restored critically important school programs that were eliminated in 2003. Specifically, the FY 06 budget included reading support for at-risk elementary students, instructional materials for the revised grade seven geography curriculum, a much needed alternative programs for high school students, restoration of 21 course sections of math, English, social studies, science, foreign language, fine arts, health science, and applied technology at the high school, and $100,000 for the upgrade of technology equipment and infrastructure which had not been funded since 2001. The FY 06 budget also restored funding for athletic and extracurricular fees to 50% from 20%. These additions to our school programs checked further erosion of the educational programs for which our District is recognized and valued. The FY 06 budget has provided better learning opportunities for our students; time for our teachers to collaborate about students and curriculum, and opportunities to forge stronger relationships with families.

While this budget balanced the education needs of students with economic realities, the FY 06 budget, once again, did not have the full support of our constituents -we had many constituents who believed the budget should have been higher so we could restore a greater number of our academic programs. We also had just as many constituents who believed the budget should have been lower so as to ease the tax burden. We believed this budget was a fair, middle-of-the-road budget that had compromises on all sides.

At the June 9, 2005 School Committee meeting, the District bid farewell to thirteen teachers and support staff at the third annual "We Honor You" reception. Honored retirees included Dolores Boghdan (22 years), Robert Lassonde (34 years), Karen Woolf (32 years), Arthur Burt (34 years), Richard Butterworth (35 years), Earl Berg (34 years), Marlene Cann (26 years), Carol Chambers (34 years), Malvina Liebert (27 years), Nancy Lynch (35 years), Ronald Toleos (9 years), John Robinson (18 years), and Tom Teusch (19 years).

No report of this kind would be complete without taking the opportunity to thank the many people who supported our schools this past year. On behalf of the students, faculty, administration, and School Committee, I thank the Friends of Pre-School, Buker, Cutler, Winthrop, Miles River, and High Schools, Special Education Parent Advisory Board, HW Education Fund, HW Rotary Club, HWRHS Sports and Activities Alliance, Pro Musica II, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and the many generous parents and community members who contributed time and money to support our schools.

I am also grateful to our faculty, staff, principals, assistant principals, and the District Leadership Team for their devotion to the children and youth of Hamilton and Wenham. Finally, we are most appreciative to the townspeople of Hamilton and Wenham and the Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees who have seen us through difficult times and who continue to support our efforts to make the Hamilton-Wenham Schools the very best they can be. The FY 06 Budget Process personified the values of cooperation and collaboration that embody our communities. As your Superintendent, I thank each and every community member for their support of our students.

In closing, our initiatives continue to advance the coherence and quality of our educational program. There are many goals yet to realize which are dependent upon high levels of budget funding. Our professional staff must have the resources if we are to continue to be competitive with similar school districts in developing, providing, and maintaining a high quality educational program for our students in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional Schools.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Maryellen Duffy, Director

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Hamilton- Wenham Regional School District continues to work with the Leadership Team and the staff to focus the district's curriculum and professional development work around the district's goals.

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) continues to renew and revise curriculum according to the guidelines established and approved in 2004. Currently, curriculum and instruction task forces are established in Foreign Language, History/ Social Studies, Physical Education/ Health Education, Mathematics, Science, Technology and Engineering, English Language Arts, Technology and Fine Arts. The task force committees are currently working toward the development of K-12 curriculum guides. The Curriculum and Professional Development Committee continues to over see the task force committees, plan the curriculum articulation days, and related professional development.

In October 2005, a five-year technology plan for HWRSD, developed with input from teachers, administrators and community members, was presented to and accepted by the School Committee. The technology plan presents a framework for defining a direction for educators, determining needs in our schools, and outlining goals for our students in the area of technology.

Fortunately, state and federal grants have allowed us to continue offering quality professional development opportunities and support to our teachers. The HWRSD has been able to offer its staff numerous grant funded professional development opportunities which include, Sustaining our Learning, Intel Teach to the Future, John Collins Writing, Six Traits Writing, the Responsive Classroom, Mentoring, and Group Counseling. The Beginning Teacher Orientation, Induction and Mentoring Program and the curriculum coach positions have also been funded through grants. In addition, staff members are involved in 43 special project professional development opportunities during the early release Wednesday time period

During the 2005-2006 school year the HWRSD was awarded 7 state grants (5 entitlement and 2 competitive), 2 federal competitive grants and 1 private competitive grant totaling in the aggregate of $380,859. These grants target MCAS remediation, staff professional development, curriculum support, curriculum development, physical and health education, mental health services, early childhood and drug, alcohol and violence prevention programs. Staff was also involved in professional development opportunities in science, mathematics, engineering and technology through grant supported programs in collaboration with Salem State College and the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all five subject areas tested: reading, English /language arts, mathematics, and science and technology/engineering. Our school district is doing particularly well in the areas of reading (98% passing at grade 3); English (average of 97% passing at grades 4, 7 and 10), mathematics (average 93% passing at grades 4, 6, 8, and 10) and science (95% passing at grades 5 and 8). The Class of 2005 had a 100% passing rate.

The HWRSD recognizes that student achievement, curriculum and professional development are interrelated and will continue to pursue and secure opportunities to support these connections.

Department of Student Services

David Magee, Director of Student Services

The Student Services Department of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District provides a wide range of programs for students with disabilities, ages 3 to 22. Currently, 346 students in the District (15.4% of the general population) are identified as needing Special Education services. Special Education is a required program for all school districts under both federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Act – IDEA) and state law (Chapter 766). Eligibility for Special Education services is determined by a team of teachers, parents and other professionals. It is based upon the presence of a diagnosed disability, the inability to make effective progress in the general curriculum due to the disability, and the need for specially designed instruction or related services. Evaluation Teams, comprised of trained professionals, are present in each school in the District. They use the latest diagnostic instruments available to assess students so that Teams can develop programs that address the individual needs of the students.

The Integrated Preschool serves students from ages 3 to 5. Teachers, teaching assistants, monitors, and therapists work together to provide students services in an integrated model. In this setting, preschoolers learn and play together with their non-disabled peers. As students with disabilities become school age, this inclusive and integrated model continues with most Special Education students receiving services within the general education classroom. Professional special educators, trained paraprofessionals and therapists support our classroom teachers in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities, health and sensory disabilities, communication disorders, neurological impairments, cognitive deficits and emotional and behavioral difficulties. The REACH and ASPIRE programs serve our most disabled students and include academics and life skill instruction both in the school and in the community.

The Special Education Department is evaluated annually on a three-year rotation between elementary, middle school and high school programs. These evaluations are required by law of all public schools as a means of ensuring quality programs for students with disabilities. In addition, the Department of Education conducts a full Coordinated Program Review every six years, with a mid-cycle review during one of the years in between. The mid-cycle review for Hamilton-Wenham took place during December 2003. Our next Coordinated Program Review will be conducted during the 06-07 school year.

The Department is proud of its record of service within the District and realizes that the high quality teaching practices of classroom teachers and the strong District curriculum have set the climate of educational excellence that allows students with disabilities to succeed. The support of the School Committee, the Superintendent, School Administrators, teachers, families, and townspeople has been essential in meeting the needs of all learners in the District.

BESSIE BUKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Brian F. O'Donoghue, Principal

The Buker School opened with an enrollment of 259 students in grades prek-5 for the 2005-2006 school year. We had an exciting and productive year. Our principal, Brian O'Donoghue, completed his second year at the helm of Buker School.

We welcomed Heidi Wakeman as our new library/media and technology teacher. This year marked the return of our instructional library program with a newly developed technology curriculum for the elementary grades. The Buker School looks forward to continued integration of technology into the elementary curriculum. Kali Reynolds joined our staff as a student services teacher after previously working as a teaching assistant.

At the end of the year, we said goodbye to two long-time staff members as they retired after many years of service to the children and families of Hamilton and Wenham. Dr. Karen Woolf taught students in kindergarten through fourth grade for the last 32 years. She completed her career in the Hamilton-Wenham Schools by teaching third grade at the Buker School for six years. Bob Lassonde taught music at all levels during his 34 year career in the district. He completed his career by directing our grade five students during our traditional end of the year musical. Both of these fine educators made a difference in the lives of hundreds of children and will be truly missed.

The teachers make learning challenging and exciting for the children of Buker. We continued to work on problem solving and critical thinking skills with the *Math Trailblazers* program. Guided reading strategies were implemented to meet the appropriate reading levels of all of our students. In addition to these school-wide initiatives, teachers and students were busy learning and discovering at each grade level. The kindergarteners spent time learning about the life cycles of birds and frogs. Our first graders were transformed into pharaohs during their Egypt study. In second grade, our students learned to eat healthy and shared lunch in the cafeteria with their parents as a culmination of their nutrition unit. Colonial Day featured our third graders involved in a variety of activities dealing with colonial life. The fourth grade students worked on their research and geography skills through their State Fair projects. Our fifth grade students demonstrated their energy and teamwork with their successful production of the musical *School Daze.*

The Buker School continues to receive strong support from our parent community. The Friends of Buker worked tirelessly to provide us with a variety of resources that enhanced the learning experience for our students. Friends' funds were used to purchase curtains for our stage and shades for our gymnasium among a variety of other things. The cultural enrichment program supported our writing initiative and an innovative movement and dance program

The Buker School continues to be a great place for children to grow and learn. We look forward to their continued growth as citizens of the world.

CUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Susan L. Cooke, Principal

Cutler School students, staff, and families worked cooperatively to create a supportive, challenging, and productive learning environment in 2005. Our enrollment of 343 students remained stable, which is slightly below the school capacity of 350 students.

The school council, acting in an advisory capacity to the principal, met monthly to discuss issues relating to school governance and the cultivation of a positive learning environment. These school council members include: Evelyn Shuman, community member; Amy Richardson and Michelle Zampell, teachers; Mary DeLorenzo, Jack O'Keefe, Beth Loeper, parents; Ann Roberts, Friends of Cutler representative; and Sue Cooke, principal.

Curriculum initiatives included the implementation of a new nationally recognized program, *Fundations*, which focuses on early literacy, including phonics and spelling instruction. This program was implemented in the fall in grades K and 1. Elementary teachers continued to focus on teaching effective writing skills with an emphasis on the Six Traits of Writing and the Collins Writing Program.

The Cutler staff has been trained in the *Responsive Classroom* approach, which fosters a safe, challenging, and respectful environment throughout our school. The practical strategies are integrated "without walls" throughout the school day.

The Friends of Cutler, led by Grace Chmura, provided extensive financial, volunteer, and moral support to our school. This year the Friends arranged to install new playground equipment to improve play choices and safety. The students are giving the new play stations rave reviews! The Friends of Cutler also matched a generous donation from the Hamilton-Wenham Education Fund and donated an additional Smart Board to our school. Josh Evans (Grade 5) and Pam Larchez (Grade 3) have led their colleagues in exploring the many ways that Smart Boards enrich and extend classroom instruction. We plan to add two additional Smart Boards in 2006. The Friends continued it funding of the wonderful "Meet the Masters" art history program as well as many other cultural enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

In December, after 18 years as the principal of Cutler School, I announced my retirement, effective July 31, 2006. It has been a privilege to be an educator in such a vibrant and nurturing school district. It is what drew me to our district in 1983, and it is what has kept me here. The school committee, central administration, faculty, staff, and community at large have maintained a clear focus on that which truly matters: our students. Thank you for your continued interest and investment in our children.

WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Martha Cesarz, Principal

The Winthrop School opened in September with an enrollment of 349 students which includes three preschool sessions. In the spring of 2005, we offered the option of a "tuition" five-day kindergarten program. The tuition paid for all costs for an additional two and a half days of school for families who chose this model. This model will continue in 2006.

Using feedback from parents and teachers about the pilot report card used last year, teachers worked during the summer to present a final, revised card to teachers in the fall. The revised report card communicates students' developing skills and academic progress. Teachers distribute report cards three times a year in grades one through five and two times a year in kindergarten. Teachers schedule parent/guardian conferences in the fall but a conference can be arranged whenever there is a need.

Charlotte Lidrbauch, the parent who formed a "Beautification Committee" two years ago, planned several "parent work days" throughout the year. A new walkway under the tree at the front of the building; pruning, planting of shrubs and plants; and a new coat of paint on exterior classroom doors and on children's bathroom stalls are among the projects completed. This year, Mr. Dan Sklar, Winthrop Artist-in-Residence, completed a creative interpretation of a world map on the back wall of the stage as students observed The continued efforts of parents have improved the appearance of our school in many ways.

Sheila Boss-Concannon, art teacher, finalized the new art gallery in the corridor leading to the primary wing. Throughout the year, Ms. Boss-Concannon arranged displays of local artists including Caryl Hayes and Dan Sklar. She used the artists' displays in lesson planning and brought students to the art gallery during class to develop their critical thinking and writing skills.

The year's theme of "Winthrop Wonders Why" allowed teachers to plan lessons where children could ask questions and use their imaginations. In the fall, there was a school-wide fieldtrip to the Museum of Science in Boston. Children marveled at the live butterfly exhibit, learned about stars in the sky, how to heat with liquid nitrogen, and many other science concepts in the many exhibits.

We appreciate the efforts and support of the parents and community as we continue to provide meaningful and challenging educational experiences for children at the Winthrop School.

Miles River Middle School

Janice C. DeSantis, Principal

The 2005-2006 school year for Miles River Middle School was a period characterized with curriculum enhancements and stability. Due to an increase in student enrollment additional part-time teachers were hired to maintain class size in art, music, physical education and technology education.

The MRMS implemented three major curriculum improvements in September 2005. First, the Massachusetts Department of Education revised the history and social studies curriculum for middle schools. Our social studies teachers revised the curriculum to align with the new curriculum framework resulting in a new grade seven geography program with new instructional materials which include textbooks on CD's. Teachers are currently developing a new Civics course for implementation in September 2006. Secondly, our Spanish foreign language program was enhanced with the purchase of CD textbooks and supplemental materials. The new materials provide students with listening experiences which feature native speakers. Finally, a portion of our technology program was improved. One of our obsolete computer labs was upgraded so students could access the Internet. The Friends of Miles River provided funds for computer and printer purchases while the Hamilton-Wenham Education donated funds for computer and video equipment for student use.

Communication with families was enhanced electronically. Our newsletter, *Miles River Currents*, was posted on our web page and a new tool, *Connect-Ed*, was purchased with the assistance of the Friends and the school budget. The *Connect-Ed* communication tool allows the administration to contact the entire school community through Internet - based phone calls that are secured to ensure personal delivery of messages to families about important meetings, events, cancellations or emergencies.

Through a nutrition grant, the Miles River Middle School implemented a comprehensive wellness program. Walking clubs, nutritionally balanced lunch menus and an expanded nutrition curriculum were implemented. As a result, the Miles River Middle School received a statewide recognition for these healthy actions.

Additionally, our College Bowl scored first placed in a statewide competition and our sixth grade won first place in Essex County for their participation in the New England Mathematics League.

The Miles River Middle School community thanks the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham, the Friends of Miles River and its many volunteers for their support and commitment to provide our children with an excellent education. We invite you to visit our middle school throughout the school year.

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Robert M. Krol, Principal

I continue to be impressed with the quality of educators serving the families of Hamilton and Wenham. Our faculty has been dedicated to the self-study task necessary to prepare for the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASC) site visit scheduled for September 2006.

Individuals who have retired from dedicated service at the end of the school year included Mr. Earl Berg, science teacher, Ms. Marlene Cann, family and consumer science teacher, Dr. Malvina Liebert, science teacher, Ms. Nancy Lynch, foreign language teacher, Mr. John Robinson, English teacher, Mr. Thomas Teusch, foreign language teacher, Mr. Ronald Toleos, social studies teacher, and Ms. Carol Chambers, secretary to the principal. They provided our students with such a rich and meaningful learning experience.

Our students continue to excel in their daily academic endeavors, and in national and state testing. Our students' performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Testing, Advanced Placement, and MCAS are well above national and state averages. 81% of the class continued their education at 4-year colleges, with an additional 11% continuing at two-year and post secondary schools. We are also proud of our students serving in the military and those starting their careers in the workforce.

Students continue to be active in co-curricular activities with well over 160 students taking part in the annual science and history fairs and representing the high school in state, regional, and national competitions. Over 300 students were involved throughout the year in various clubs and activities. Our College Bowl team led the way winning the championship trophy.

Our art, music, and drama students continue to distinguish themselves. Several students won Boston Globe Key Awards, and Drama Guild ensemble and individual awards at the One-Act Festival. Ten students were selected to District Band and Chorus. Two students were selected to the All-State Band and Chorus.

Our athletic teams competed successfully in all three seasons highlighted by our championship performance for the third straight year in Cape Ann League Swimming. The participation rates in athletics included over 300 students in fall sports and over 225 students in both the winter and spring seasons.

The support of our parent groups continues to be outstanding. The Friends of the High School, the various booster clubs, and the Sports and Activities Alliance enriched our students' lives.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Lauren Adams
Quinn Allen-Wardell
Anthony Ardon
Mariah Astulfi
Daniel Atwood
Miranda Barnwell
Emily Bartlett
Courtney Bateman
Cody Beckett
Harold Berry, IV
Jeanise Bertrand
Paige Besse
Jason Bial
Harrison Black
Katharine Borland
Craig Brand
Kristen Brao
Dorothy Brennick
Jonathan Britton
Kevin Britton
Clayton Brockenbrough
Laurel Brooks
Andrew Brown
Molly Brown
Conor Burke
Hannah Bynum
Kayla Capozzi
Christine Cardamone
Calandra Carnevale
Katherine Cassidy
Christopher Chandler
Alexander Chitro
Edward Cho
Shane Collette
Casey Colyer
Alyssa Conville
Victoria Corbin
Meagan Cotton
Kathryn Craig
Eleanor Crossan
Caroline Croyle
Charles Curtis III

Corey Daff
Emily DeHority
Gina DeNapoli
James Denton, III
Eric Der
Corey Dodge
Jared Dolan
Michael Dolinsky
Sean Doonan
Natalee Drougas
Gwendolyn Edwards
Antonio Eramo
Alana Figurido
Madison Finley
Lauren Fischer
Mollie Frederiksen
Samantha Gallagher
Brendan Gauthier
Steven Gonsiorowski
Marlene Grasso
Charles Graves
Matthew Greeke
Adam Hammdorff
Hannah Hebert
Michael Hershberg
Kayla Hill
Catherine Hoffman
Calvert Holt
Hakeem Jackson
Finley Janes
Claire Johnson
Katie Johnson
Kelly Johnson
Derek Keith
Michael Kerr
Richard Kimball, Jr.
Kelsey King
Jonathan Kinney
Timothy Kinsman
Sean Kirtman
Michael Klobucher
Andrew Knowlton

Christina Kvistad
Emily Lanois
Matthew Lavin
Jillian Leikauskas
Annie Lindland
David Littlefield
Oliver Locke
McKenzie Love
William MacKenna
Natalie Maes
Kierstyn Maggiacomo
Conor Maginn
Brianne Manzelli
Christian Martyn
Amanda McCarthy
Robyn McCarthy
Ian McCracken
Christi McCulloch
Kevin McGlynn
Austin McInnis
Davia Meader
Daniel Meibaum
Joseph Mercurio
Natalie Minois
Daniel Mullen
Justin Mullen
Alexandra Nawoichik
James Nichols
Sarah Nicoll
Brittany Noyes
Kelsey O'Connor
Meghan O'Neil
Stephanie Ozahowski
Lukas Painchaud
Lucas Paratore
Alisa Parrett
Emily Patrolia
Nicholas Petrou
Michael Pettinati
Brianna Pomeroy
Christopher Poole
Philip Posillico

Dylan Press
Jenna Prizio
Dustin Randall
Amanda Ray
Lauren Reid
Blake Riley
Peter Rokowski
Thomas Rosser
Kimberly Row
Christopher Roy
Anthony Sanchez
Robert Sandell
Joseph Santarelli
Kelsey Shuka
Jessica Silva
Andrew Smith
Emily Smith
Mark Stehfest
Anya Stelline
Jessica Stephens
Meredith Swanson
Joseph Talbot
Jason Teal
Katelyn Thibeault
Lovell Thompson
Jared Tobyne
David Truschel
Shawn Tucker
Olivia Vanni
Emily Villa
Donald Vivian
Matthew Walsh
Jeremy Walton
Michael Watson
Chrissy Webber
Andrew Weld
Devin Whear
Colin Winrow
Christopher Wright

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2006 GRADUATES

Amanda Elizabeth Alboth
Cordelia Reid Allsopp
Jonathan Ryan Amero
Callie Alise Ansaldi-Riera
Alicia Christina Ardon
Luba Mollet Armington
April Lauren Baker
Russell Thompson Barrie
Samuel Calvin Bauer
Evan Ross Beilin
Chelsea Putnam Bell
Haley Haddon Bencal
Mari Elenor Benham
Katelyn Marie Berry
Gwyneth Abigail Bertelson
Erica Christine Betcher
Jessamin Hope Birdsall
Elizabeth Ann Bonventre
Johnathan Michael Borland
Colleen Patricia Britton
Stephen Albert Britton
Trevor David Brooks
Nicole Marie Brunet
Stephanie Buonaugurio
Brian John Butterworth
Andrea Courtney Bynum
Alecia Anne Carey
Moira Kathleen Carlin
Alanna Suzanne Cauley
Nancy Searle Cavanaugh
Benjamin Charles Corwin
Taylor Shia Crabb
Hannah Prescott Cranton
Anika Sable Croteau
Brian Thomas Cusick
Schuyler Bremm Denton
Jesse Jonathon Dice
Rachel Eileen DiChiara
Michael Paul DiSanto
Shane Michael Dodge
Kate Lynne Doughty
Rebecca Milliken Drake
Kaitlin Bridget Driscoll
Travis Alan Durrell
Amy Elizabeth Dykstra
Alexandra Nicole Errante
Cassidy Marie Evans
Ian Edward Ferrel
Lauren Ganister Fields
Peter Morin Finocchio
Anne-Marie Fischer
Caroline Margaret Fischer
Danielle Evelyn Flynn
Micaela Joy Foley
Preston Trevor Foss
Mathew Charles Gansenberg
Zachary Baker Garfield
Trisha Leigh Gonsiorowski
Paul Joseph Greilich
Robert Ross Griffin
Ryan Charles Gwinn
Nicholas James Hamlin
Laura Ventura Hammdorff
Jessica Marie Hanson
Mia Hopkins Hargadon
Daniel Richard Harrison
Haley Elizabeth Hebert
Tracey Elaine Heitz
Katherine Claire Helming
Anson Gorga Highland
Tricia Jean Hinchey
Patrik Daniel Holmboe
Liam Jamie Hunter
Lucy Bearss Ingram
Nicholas Woodworth Jansky
Nathan Andrew Janssen
Jessica Marie Johnson
Kyle Gregory Johnson
Michael Foster Johnson
Kristin Therese Jones
Alexander John Kazes
Jonathan Barry Keller
William Fredrick LePard
Lauren Michelle Liporto
Christopher Joseph Liquori
Elizabeth Caroline Loy
Eric Thurston Lundquist
Patricia Elinor Lyons
Fiona Jean MacQuarrie
Katie Ann Magro
Alan Conner Mahar
Alison Leigh Malio
Angela Jean Marino
Aaron Franklin Marsh
Hollis McClory
Andrew William McElvain
Andrew Craig McFarland
Christopher Robert McGrath
Geoffrey Michael Melanson
Julie Lorraine Menounos
Jaclyn Marie Moran
Kelly Ann Morrison
Peter Jerome Moulton
Drew Harrison Mullen
Navine Nasser-Ghodsi
Anna Pearl Newman
Anne Katherine Nichols
Ryan Michael Noone
Michelle Nike Omowaiye
Katherine Julia Papacostas
Steven Michael Parry
Robert John Pedra
Jeffrey Curtis Peters
Jennifer Lee Piepenbrink
Neil Joseph Pietrantonio
Christopher Scott Pitts
Shalin Brine Pizzo
Timothy Kevin Puopolo
Erin Caitlin Putnam
Meredith Margaret Quinn
Angela Kathryn Raimo
Samantha Anne Randall
Alexa Marie Richards
Benjamin George Ricker
Joshua Scott Ricker
Mark Edward Ricker
Ian Rotondi-Gray
Courtney McCartney Rumbough
Shayna Ashley Russell
Bernadette Katherine Safrin
Bradford Linden Sargent
Samantha Joy Scarpa
Colin Joseph Serafino
Joseph Stephan Shaktman
Lindsey Anne Sherman
Colin Dayton Skinner
Justin Matthew Smith
Nicholas Steven Smith
Evan James Snavely
Justin Meade Snow
Jessica Anne Spencer
Courtney Leigh Spongberg
Melissa Ashley St. Pierre-McGrath
Tyler Robert Stavros
Amanda Josephine Stephens
Karissa Carmella Stevens
Jeffrey Thomas Stinson
Shelby Elizabeth Strong
Meredith Ann Sullivan
Corey Jerome Sutherland
Daniel Benjamin Swartz
Mollie Jane Sweeney
Prajjwal Bomzon Tamang
Ujjwal Bomzon Tamang
Samuel Bernick Taylor
Lauren Marie Tefft
Jonathan Scott Tinkham
Justin Scott Towne
Nathan Edward Trunfio
Andrew Michael Truschel
Corey Raymond Tucker
John-Mark Howard Unsworth
Kirsten Dell Vouwie
Brian Christopher Walsh
Tegan Mallary Walsh
Bryan James Walton
Clark Guerouaou Willcox
Elyse Renae Wood

North Shore Regional Vocational School District School Committee
Amelia P. O'Malley, Superintendent-Director
Wenham Representative
William O. Nichols

Merger Study

In **December 2004**, Senator Berry filed further legislation which called for the merger of the North Shore Technical High School and Essex Agricultural & Technical High School, defining both a **Temporary Oversight Board** and the governance structure of the new school district. It further defined the procedure for existing members to vote for the merger, and included a requirement for the School Building Authority to report on the conditions necessary to facilitate the opening of the school. The Temporary Oversight Board members were **named in 2005** and to date, have met six times. We are presenting awaiting another $250,000 to complete the feasibility study.

Administration

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community, is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administrative team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

Enrollment

Student enrollment as of October 1, 2005 was 458. Students cite the interpersonal relationships with teachers, counselors, and administration, and the vocational programs as the reasons for application. There continues to be a shortage of space for classrooms, shop areas, the library and the cafeteria. In addition, an auditorium is needed. Students participate in programs in Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Art, Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Information Systems Technology, Graphic Arts, Health Technology, Machine Technology, Marketing and Information Systems and Masonry.

Curriculum

MCAS mathematics test scores continue to improve. Students who took the test for the first time in May 2005, improved the passing rates yet again: 75% (2003), 82% (2004, and 86% (2005). Significantly, students scoring the higher scores bands continued to increase: 35% Proficient (an increase of 27% from 2004) and a markedly impressive 16% Advanced (up from 12%).

School Council

The School Council is an organization of faculty, parents, students and business community representatives who meet with the Principal every six weeks during the school year to review programs and activities at North Shore Tech. The Council examines the school budget, student handbook and extra curricular activities. They advise the Principal and suggest changes in programs and curriculum. During the meetings the Council hears from school staff members who present information about specific areas of instruction or school activities. The School Council's members are very active throughout the school year and have strongly supported our "Up All Night" graduation celebration for the past five years.

General and Program Advisory Committees

Twice a year each vocational/technical program has a meeting to discuss suggestions for revisions and updates of equipment and curriculum. The advisory committees include representatives of local business and industry related to each vocational craft. At the meetings instructors of our vocational/technical programs seek suggestions as to how to improve their programs to better prepare our students to enter the workforce in their career area. These meetings are beneficial in keeping our school aware of the latest innovations, equipment and technology used in industry. The Fall 2005 meeting was very important in that the committee members validated the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for each vocational program.

The General Advisory Committee consists of one member from each of the Program Advisory Committees and the school Principal. This committee makes recommendations to improve industrial standards in each vocational program to the North Shore Tech School Committee. The General Advisory Committee will meet in December 2005 and will discuss the Vocational Curriculum Frameworks and how to deliver each strand to our students.

Vocational -- Service Cluster

The Career and Technical programs are currently re-evaluating their curriculums to ensure that they reflect the Massachusetts Vocational frameworks, which are currently being validated throughout the state. At our recent Program Advisory Meeting committee, members were asked to evaluate the frameworks and their comments are being sent to the Department of Education. Our goal is to ensure that our Career & Technical programs are meeting the needs of our students, parents and the business community.

Culinary Arts

We continue to welcome our senior citizens from throughout the district and encourage them to take advantage of the services offered. We suggest that they make an appointment in our cosmetology department and then stay for lunch our focus is "Spend the Day at the Tech" (a day of food and beauty). The Culinary Department is also involved in additional community service activities and will be helping with the food at "The Jolly Jaunt" a Special Olympics event.

Vocational – Technical Cluster

Carpentry/Masonry

Junior and senior carpentry and masonry students have collaborated on several on and off campus projects this year.

The first project completed was a masonry structure to house an antique bell at Veterans' Park in Beverly. The park is located between Park and Rantoul streets across from the post office. The bell is used honor veterans during ceremonies on holidays.

Electrical

The Electrical Program is the newest addition to the Technical Cluster. The program is being phased in with a regular schedule of exploratory students during B-week and a small group of sophomores during A-week. A program advisory board has been established and met at the fall meeting on October 20th. The Chapter 74 approval process should be completed at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year.

Technology

A project based curriculum was developed and implemented for all freshmen within their science classes in order to effectively integrate technology curricula that align with the Instructional Technology Standards within the Massachusetts State Frameworks, the National technology standards, and the Massachusetts Career and Technical Education Cluster Strands for Underlying Principles of Technology. An online assessment tool was developed for use as a pre and post test to ensure that all freshmen students are introduced and gaining access to the technology standards.

Special Education Department

There are approximately 191 students at North Shore Technical High School who have been identified as having special needs; they represent 42% of the general student population. Programs and services are provided and administered by a staff comprised of a director, a coordinator, thirteen (13) special education teachers, a speech/language pathologist; a Wilson certified reading teacher, a psychometrist, five instructional aides, and one secretary.

Athletic Department

The Boy's Basketball team (10-11) reached the State Tournament again for the second year in a row. Jesus McKinney was named league MVP and went over the 1000 point mark in his career.

The Girl's Basketball team (11-10) qualified for the state tournament for the first time ever. A great showing was put on by a still young squad. With all but one player returning from the varsity squad, the 05/06 season looks good.

Indoor Track had a turnout of twenty-nine athletes.

The spring of 2004 saw the Softball team winning another league championship and advancing into the State Tournament. The Baseball team was in a rebuilding year and once again had no home field to play or practice on.

The Girls Volleyball won another league championship and advanced to the semi-finals of the North Sectionals in the MIAA State Tournament. Pina Phay was voted the league MVP for the second year in a row.

The Soccer team maintained good numbers this year with a complete junior varsity schedule. Many practices and some junior varsity games were played on the Essex Aggie field.

The Co-op program with Essex Aggie continues to be very successful. The bond developing between the athletes from both schools is wonderful to witness.

Adult Education

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than sixty (60) vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly **one thousand adult** students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include: computers, health, construction, welding and machine technology, culinary, automotive, business and personal finance. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

The Adult Education Program continues to enjoy a reputation of providing quality vocational-technical education to a demanding client that faces an ever-changing work place. We have an ongoing effort to provide competitive and progressive programming; our course offerings are continuously reviewed for either updating, or modification, and we research the local market for new offerings.

Business Office

The Department of Revenue has certified the amount in our unencumbered excess and deficiency funds/surplus revenue available July 1, 2005 at $349,615.

Funding Issues

The Fiscal 2007 Budget preparation is currently in process and will be presented to the District's Finance & Property Policy Sub-committee in February and subsequently to the District's School Committee. At this point, we have not received any financial data pertaining to fiscal 2007 from the Department of Education.

Financial Issues

Septic system

On July 28th the District School Committee voted to incur debt up to $350,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of reconstruction and extraordinary repairs to the septic system. We are still in the design stage and anticipate the work to be completed over the summer.

Salem Retirement Assessment

Our fiscal year 2006 assessment from the Salem Contributory Retirement Board has increased from $102,635 to $247,171 a $145,536 increase. According to the retirement board, a number of factors contributed to the increase. The main factors were the unfunded liability, early retirement incentive and increased payroll. We have requested the maximum assistance of $100,000 through the foundation reserve (pothole) funds. We hope to be awarded some funds to alleviate some of the burden on the budget.

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NOTES

TOWN OF WENHAM

County of Essex

MASSACHUSETTS

Wenham - Incorporated 1643

(First Town set off from Salem)

Population – 5075

Area: 8.21 Square Miles

ZONING BYLAWS
First Adopted 1947

Present Minimum Lot Size: 40,000 sq. ft.; 170 ft. Frontage

Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Health Regulations require permits for new construction and alterations.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE		468-5524
BOARD OF HEALTH		468-5522
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		468-5526
EMERGENCY - FIRE OR POLICE		911
	(for exchanges other than 468)	468-4421
FINANCE DIRECTOR		468-5525
FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER	(non-emergency)	468-5508
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE - Building, Electrical, Gas & Plumbing		468-5522
LIBRARY		468-5527
POLICE DEPARTMENT	(non-emergency)	468-4000
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE		468-5523
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		468-5523
TOWN CLERK		468-5520
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		468-5521
TREASURER/COLLECTOR		468-5525

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday	9:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Friday	9:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 - 7:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN MEET TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY - FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

2006-2007

PART II

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WITH REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hearing on the Warrant
Monday, May 1, 2006
Buker School – 7:30 P.M.
Annual Town Meeting – BUKER SCHOOL
Saturday, May 6, 2006
Election 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon – Meeting 1:00 P.M.
Please bring this Part II with you to the Hearing and Town Meeting
Matters to be voted do not appear in Part I of the Town Report

TANOUS, HERSEL, PICKARD 1 CE GAVEL

KYROUZ, EVANS, SPEARING, SWARTZ (LEAVING)

EXPLANATION OF WARRANT
HOMERULE PETITIONS REQUIRE HAND COUNT

WARRANT POSTED + RETURNED BY CONSTABLE
GLORIUM

TOWN MEETING TIME
MODERATOR + COUNSEL

"PREVIOUS QUESTION" STOPS DEBATE ON AMENDMENT
2/3 REQUIRED + GO TO ORIGINAL QUESTION

THANK YOU LOVIS, BOY SCOUTS, AYER FLOODERS

TOUCHE ON RETIREES

CHIEFS MACKENZIE, PERKINS
WILHELM + BONNETTE (DAVE) LEAVING AS ASSESSORS
SWARTZ LEAVING FINCOM AFTER 7 YEARS
DON PICKARD

HILL - SPEAKS ABOUT HOME RULE (CLERK MUST CONFIRM FIRST)
FINANCIAL OUTLOOK IS NOT
WHITE SO BAD THIS YEAR

THRU

MOTION TO ADJOURN 4:40 PM

TUESDAY MAY 23
DISSOLVE MTG

WENHAM FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FY 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENHAM:

The Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee presents to you for your review and approval at the annual Town Meeting its recommended budget for the Town for Fiscal Year 2007, beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

Budgets proposed at Town Meeting for many years have been close to or at the Town's levy limit, the level of expenditures that cannot be exceeded without an override procedure under so-called Proposition 2 1/2. The budget recommended by the Committee for FY 2007 is at the levy limit. This situation can be expected to continue for the foreseeable future because of those fixed costs that continue to significantly outpace revenue growth, including costs for health insurance and utilities. Revenue growth, without substantial additional state aid, is projected to continue to rise at approximately 3-4% per year based upon allowed levy limit increases and projected modest new growth. As is the case this year, the amount of free cash expected to be available to level the tax rate in the coming years will be less than in the past due to tighter budgeting.

Health insurance costs (Item 914 Employee Benefits), is increasing 19.2%. This reflects a 13.5% increase in premium costs as well as an increase in the number of eligible employees opting to be covered by the town's health insurance plan. Utilities throughout Article 2 are budgeted at an increase of 30% over FY06 due to projected increases of 15% in both FY06 and FY07.

Estimated "new growth" (increases in property value from new homes and additions as estimated by the Board of Assessors) is shown on the Recap sheet and is one of the factors used to set the levy limit. For FY 2007 the estimated increase in total property valuation from construction of new buildings or additions is approximately $ 8,000,000. This yields a new growth revenue figure of $89,325, which is $767 more than FY 2006 actual amount. Given the limited land available for development in the Town, annual new growth is expected to remain modest. See the new growth history in Appendix 1.

The Committee's approach to formulating the budget for FY 2007 was to maintain essential services, to maintain capital replacement programs to the extent possible, to provide modest increases in compensation for employees, and to maintain adequate reserves to address unforeseen occurrences in FY 2007 and future years.

After numerous meetings and discussions with the various town departments, the various regional committees and the Board of Selectmen, the Finance and Advisory Committee has arrived at a recommended budget that is within the levy limit and which includes the following recommended expenditures under the following Articles on the Warrant:

Article	Amount
Article 2 – General Town Expenses	$12,163,302
Article 4 – Chapter 90 Highway Funds	$ 91,682
Article 8 – Free Cash Transfer	$ 171,545

Please note that any action at Town Meeting which increases the recommended level of expenditures by more than the amount contained in Article 2 will trigger the need for a Proposition 2 ½ override because the Committee's recommended budget is at the levy limit.

Based on existing information, including current estimates of state reimbursements, charges, and new growth, the budget as recommended is projected to reduce the present FY 2006 tax rate of $11.20 by $.06 to $11.14.

Key elements of the recommended budget are:

Article 2 – General Town Expenses

Wages and Salaries

Article 2 includes increases for union and contract employees in accordance with their respective agreements. Also included are increases, as recommended to the Committee, of 2 1/2% for employees of the Town not covered by agreements.

Capital

The capital expenditures included in Article 2 are: one police cruiser and radio; replacement of fire hydrants and water meters as well as refurbishment of wells and pump station for the Water Department, all items which are paid from water revenues and are not included in the tax rate. See Appendix 2.

Reserve Fund (Item 132)

Included as Item 132 is the Reserve Fund authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6, to be administered by the Finance and Advisory Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. The Committee recommends that $147,000 be appropriated for this fund.

Assessors (Item 141)

A reorganization of the Assessor's office designed to more effectively meet the assessing needs of the Town. Included is the addition of 20 hours per week for the chief assessor position in FY07 to be funded at a salary of $55,000 for 40 hours per week. In FY07, an assessing clerk position is to be funded at an hourly rate of $18.04 for 18 hours per week totaling $16,885.

Finance Director, Treasurer/Collector (Item 145), Town Accountant (Item 135)

A reorganization of the Town Accountant and Finance Director, Treasure/Collector offices designed to have the Treasurer/Collector serve as the Town' Finance Director. The Finance Director, Treasure Collector position will be funded at a salary of $58,500 per year reflecting an increase of 13.5 hours per week from the FY06 budget for the Treasurer Collector position. The Assistant position at 13 hours per week in the Town Accountant line item is eliminated.

Fire (Item 220)

The salary of the Administrative Assistant position in the Police Department will be supplemented by $4,456 for providing needed administrative duties for the Fire Department.

Regional School District (Item 310)

Included is $5,674,198 within the levy limit for Wenham's share of the expenses for the Regional School District operating budget for FY 2007. In addition $22,012, which represents the amount of funds to be encumbered from the FY06 appropriation that is available as a result of the turn-back from the Regional School District, will be applied to Wenham's share of the expenses for the Regional School District operating budget for FY 2007. The total of $5,696,210 represents a 4.9% increase in the town's contribution. A comparison of each town's payments for FY 2005 and FY 2006 and the proposed FY 2007 Regional School District budget are included in Appendix 3.

Sidewalks/Bike Paths (included under Item 422 – Highway Department)

Included is $16,800 to be used along with other available funds for continuation of a program of construction of sidewalks/bike paths during FY 2007 as recommended by the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen. This is in accordance with the Town Meeting vote of May, 2001 which accepted the report of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and left to the determination of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen the timing of design and construction of the various phases of the program.

Council on Aging Van (Item 542)

This is a relatively new program that was authorized by Town Meeting in May 2003. The joint program began operations during the second half of FY 2004. The budget for FY 2007 is $52,643. The entire budget is carried in Article 2. The assessment to Hamilton is $39,133 as shown on the revenue section of the recap sheet.

Joint Library (Item 620)

Because Wenham is the administering town for the Joint Library, the entire budget is carried in Article 2. In item 620, the amount of $618,586 represents operating costs for FY07 and $81,024 is the total of all library employee benefits contained in Items 911 (Retirement), 914 (Employee Benefits) and 916 (FICA/Medicare). The total Article 2 expense of $699,610 is offset by revenues to be received from Hamilton for its percentage share (64.02%) plus a 10% administrative fee on its share of relevant costs. For details, see the notes to the Recap sheet.

Debt (Items 315, 710, 751, and 29)

Article 2 itemizes actual and estimated bond payments for FY 2006 for capital projects authorized to date. Detailed repayment schedules are shown in Appendix 4.

Article 4 – Chapter 90 Highway Funds

The Committee recommends acceptance of $91,682 in state highway funds. This amount is included on the Recap sheet under revenues and is to be expended by the Highway Department for roadway and related improvements.

Article 8 – Free Cash Transfer

The Committee recommends transferring $171,545 from free cash to level the tax rate. This will leave a balance in free cash of $250,000.

The Committee is also recommending approval of Article 5, the proposition 2 1/2 override related to the Regional School District operating budget. If approved at Town Meeting and at the ballot, the amount of the Town's share to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for Regional School District annual operating expenses would be $91,082. Based on existing information, the projected increase to the tax rate would be $.12 for this additional expense.

The Committee thanks all departments for their assistance in the preparation of this budget. The Committee also thanks the Hamilton Finance Committee for its cooperation with evaluation of the various joint budgets that are shared by our towns. The Committee also recognizes the cooperative efforts of the Towns and Regional School District towards finding joint solutions to common problems.

We look forward to seeing you at the Warrant Hearing on May 1 and at the Town Meeting on May 6.

WENHAM FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lawrence D. Swartz, Chairman
Scott S. Spearing, Secretary
Deborah H. Evans
Scott B. Mackintosh
Thomas J. Kyrouz
Henry H. Wieman

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
May 6, 2006

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the Sixth of May, 2006, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 7:30 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Officers

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Assessor for two years; one Assessor for one year; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Housing Authority member for five years; two Hamilton Wenham Library Trustees At Large for three years; three Hamilton Wenham School Committee members for three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2007) beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

Notes to Recap Sheet for FY2007

REVENUE

Local Receipts: Include the following: **$985,015**
Motor Vehicle Excise, Penalties and Interest, Payments is Lieu of Taxes, Charges for Services, Fees, Rentals, Departmental Revenues, Licenses and Permits, Fines and Forfeits, and Investment Income

Water Revenue:
Raised from water use charges. Water Receipts equal Water Budget: **$448,361**

Assessments to Hamilton: – FY07 apportionment:

Joint Library	64.02% - Hamilton 35.98% - Wenham	Council on Aging Van	64.16% - Hamilton 35.84% - Wenham

Library Assessment:

Operating Budget:	618,586
Other Expenses (Employee Benefits, Insurance, Etc.):	81,024
Subtotal	$699,610
Hamilton @ 64.02%	447,891
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee	44,789
Plus Worker's Comp and Retirement	28,149
Total Assessment to Hamilton – Library	**$520,828**

Council on Aging Van Assessment:

Operating Budget:	52,643
Other Expenses:	622
Subtotal	$53,265
Hamilton @ 64.16%	34,816
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee	3,482
Plus Worker's Comp and Retirement	835
Total Assessment to Hamilton – COA Van	**$39,133**

Cherry Sheet Revenues:
FY06 Cherry Sheet – Original Estimate = $517,376
FY07 Estimate = **$572,590**

Other Available Funds: Chapter 90 Funds (Road Repairs): **$91,682**

EXPENSES

Cherry Sheet Charges: Assessed by State **$114,311**

Other Expenditures: Catch all for any other charges which may be assessed to the town without appropriation. This includes cherry sheet offsets and any other deficits that may have to be raised.

FY07 Estimated: **$6,132**

Overlay: Also known as the Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions – from Assessors
FY07 Amount: **$100,000**

Special Articles: The total dollar amount of the Finance and Advisory Committee's recommended expenditures under all of the warrant articles that affect the tax rate (except Article 2)

Article No: 4 Description: Chapter 90 Amount: **$91,682**

Override Articles: Items that are considered to be beyond the Levy Limit and will require a Town Meeting Vote

Other:
Fiscal Year Levy Limit: From Department of Revenue RECAP Sheet
New Growth: Value increase estimated from Building Permits - FY05 Amt: **$89,325**
This amount is added to the Levy Limit
Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion: Includes Joint Library Project, Town Hall/Police Station Project, Iron Rail Boiler and School Debt

RECAP SHEET
COMPARISON OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 TO 2007
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

	ACTUAL - DOR FY2006 Recap	ESTIMATED FY2007 Recap	INCREASE (DECREASE)
REVENUES			
LOCAL RECEIPTS	955,682	985,015	29,333
WATER	456,420	448,361	(8,059)
ASSESSMENT from Hamilton - COA Van	39,123	39,133	10
ASSESSMENT from Hamilton - Joint Library	485,017	520,828	35,811
Local Receipt Subtotal	1,936,242	1,993,337	57,095
CHERRY SHEET REVENUE	517,376	572,590	55,214
OTHER (Available Funds)			
Chapter 90	90,825	91,682	857
FREE CASH USED FOR:			
Article 8: To Level the Tax Rate	381,437	171,545	(209,892)
OVERLAY SURPLUS:			
Article 8: To Level the Tax Rate	107,120	78,311	(28,809)
ONE TIME MUNICIPAL RELIEF	27,706	0	(27,706)
OVERLAY SURPLUS:			
STM Prior Year Available Funds	15,000		
TOTAL REVENUES	3,075,706	2,907,465	(168,241)
EXPENDITURES			
ARTICLE 2 SALARIES & WAGES	2,620,948	2,639,986	19,038
ARTICLE 2 EXPENSES	8,725,574	9,393,316	667,742
ARTICLE 2 CAPITAL	97,500	130,000	32,500
CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	109,911	114,311	4,400
OTHER - Library Offset	4,334	6,132	1,798
Other Deficits to be raised (if any)	26,734		
OVERLAY (Allowance for Abatements)	110,000	100,000	(10,000)
SPECIAL ARTICLES			
Chapter 90	90,825	91,682	857
Other Capital Items			
WISSH	15,000		
OVERRIDE ARTICLES			
School	211,687		(211,687)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,012,513	12,475,427	462,914
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Total Expenditures less Total Revenues. This amount is subject to the levy limit)	8,936,807	9,567,962	631,155
PRIOR FISCAL YEAR LEVY LIMIT - before debt exclusion	8,089,185	8,591,660	502,475
2 1/2% Increase	202,230	214,792	12,562
Current New Growth (Value increases from new building)	88,558	89,325	767
Override Articles	211,687		(211,687)
LEVY LIMIT - before adding current year debt exclusion	8,591,660	8,895,777	
PROP 2 1/2 DEBT EXCLUSION School Debt, Town Hall/Police Station, Joint Library	574,296	672,185	
LEVY LIMIT - Maximum Allowable Levy (Net Amount To Be Raised cannot be higher than this)	9,165,956	9,567,962	
LESS: Amount to be provided for negotiated settlement of a disputed legal claim	225,000		
GAP - Levy Limit minus the Net Amount To Be Raised. (If this amount is negative it is beyond the Levy Limit and is not allowable without an override)	4,149	*0*	
PROPERTY VALUATION (increased by 5% for FY06)	818,018,565	858,919,493	5,253,200
TAX RATE -(Net Amount to be Raised divided by Property Valuation x 1000)	$11.20	$11.14	($0.06)

Joint Libr Proj.	112,858
Jt Libr Purch	31,288
Town Hall	23,335
School Reno	325,239
Iron rail boiler	14,881
Town Hall @ 4.456m	110,000
Fire Truck (Quint)	54,584
Total	672,185

-0.54% increase/ decrease

Please note: $100,000 of expenditures equals approximately $0.13 on the tax rate

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
114	**MODERATOR**						
114-5200	EXPENSES	50	0	0	50	50	
122	**SELECTMEN**						
122-5100	SALARIES	12,122	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812	
	(Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273/year)						
122-5200	EXPENSES	3,000	1,833	2,942	2,000	2,000	
		15,122	12,645	13,754	12,812	12,812	
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**						
123-5100	SALARY (@ $87,826/year)	69,000	74,846	76,220	85,356	87,826	
123-5200	EXPENSES	3,000	2,185	5,692	2,500	2,500	
		72,000	77,031	81,912	87,856	90,326	
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**						
131-5200	EXPENSES	500	0	135	250	250	
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**						
132-5700	RESERVE FUND	120,000	118,940	160,536	115,000	147,000	
135	**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**						
135-5100	SALARY (@ $45,200/year)	44,558	63,341	69,730	71,484	45,200	
135-5200	EXPENSES	3,225	2,041	3,894	3,000	3,600	
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES				1,500	1,500	
		47,783	65,382	73,624	75,984	50,300	
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**						
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	14,000	15,315	16,000	16,000	18,000	
141	**ASSESSORS**						
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES	51,608	53,573	54,587	56,037	72,346	HOLD WHY CLERK POSITION CUT ?
	Chief Assessor @ $55,000/year						
	Assessing Clerk @ ($18.04 / hr 18 hrs /wk)						
	(Subs and OT @ $360) and ($100 longevity)						
141-5200	EXPENSES	7,240	10,393	8,856	15,735	11,235	
141-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0			
		58,848	63,966	63,443	71,772	83,581	

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145	**FINANCE DIRECTOR, TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	73,736	74,201	64,717	64,644	97,490
	(Finance Director, Treasurer / Collector @ $58,500/year)					
	(Asst. Collector @ $36,000/$38,500/yr) + Cov.($1,000)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	14,810	3,845	4,800	4,350	6,550
145-5200	TAX TITLE EXP			6,084	10,000	7,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		10,652	9,181	14,600	13,500
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	563		0		
		89,109	88,698	84,782	93,594	124,540
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	3,750	3,750	320,000		
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	20,000	25,957	49,603	20,000	20,000
151-5700	OTHER				0	0
		30,750	36,707	376,603	27,000	27,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	4,000	3,982	0		
155-5200	EXPENSES	25,000	7,527	14,211	15,750	16,550
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		24,969	35,642	46,900	47,590
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)	0	8,755	13,175	15,000	5,000
155-5800	CAPITAL					0
		29,000	45,233	63,028	77,650	69,140
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	52,289	52,037	65,756	87,423	89,254
	(Permit Office @ $38,446/yr + $300 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ $38,439/yr)					
	(Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $15.16/hr)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	46,350	57,063	53,006	41,097	42,496
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	6,000				
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings		11,510	9,906	8,000	9,000
159-5320	Cleaning Services	7,500	7,227	0		
159-5700	OTHER	0		9,000	0	0
159-5800	CAPITAL	0		0	0	
		112,139	127,837	137,668	136,520	140,750

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161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $42,702/yr + $300 longevity)	39,026	40,352	40,844	41,661	43,002
161-5200	EXPENSES	2,675	1,777	765	1,300	1,400
		41,701	42,129	41,609	42,961	44,402
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	4,109	3,187	4,383	3,895	2,950
162-5200	EXPENSES	13,560	7,983	9,483	9,474	9,783
162-5700	OTHER			0		
		17,669	11,170	13,866	13,369	12,733
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $19.89/hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	18,419	19,179	16,258	19,406	20,169
171-5200	EXPENSES	5,088	2,135	2,550	3,415	4,414
		23,507	21,314	18,808	22,821	24,583
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	500	500	0	500	500
		2,045	2,045	1,545	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	150	0	0	150	150
		665	515	515	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	7,200	6,469	8,534	7,500	8,000
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	0		0		
198-5200	EXPENSES	6,020	2,600	3,481	4,653	3,653
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning		1,343			
		6,020	3,943	3,481	4,653	3,653

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199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Salary @ $5,066/yr + Additional Maint. @ $668/yr)	8,485	8,287	6,288	5,734	0
199-5200	EXPENSES	9,300	4,084	13,013	4,600	2,265
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		2,567	1,617	2,700	10,100
199-5800	CAPITAL	0	5,000	1,573	0	0
		17,785	19,938	22,491	13,034	12,365
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	705,893	759,277	1,182,334	821,536	872,195
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Chief @ $74,158 - base/year + $300 longevity)	759,054	808,859	841,700	859,820	815,927
210-5200	EXPENSES	57,081	53,999	55,896	62,381	64,726
210-5800	CAPITAL	56,000	29,999	30,000	31,500	33,000
		872,135	892,857	927,596	953,701	913,653
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS (Chief @ $35,668/year) (Fire Prevention Officer @ $52,126/year)	107,575	121,927	134,967	136,787	149,546
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	136,104	144,487	155,682	150,000	150,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	57,820	58,999	60,494	54,987	58,000
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	41,899	42,399	42,686	41,725	45,000
220-5800	CAPITAL	0		0	0	0
		343,398	367,812	393,829	383,499	402,546
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	39,110	36,480	38,980	41,480	43,980
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES (Building Inspector @ $17,227/year) (Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600/year)	17,208	16,198	16,459	18,406	18,827
241-5200	EXPENSES	2,450	0	325	200	200
		19,658	16,198	16,784	18,606	19,027

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243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $4,080/year)	3,713	3,806	3,882	3,980	4,079
243-5200	EXPENSES	425	201	70	425	200
		4,138	4,007	3,952	4,405	4,279
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Electrical Inspector @ $9,014/year)	8,206	8,411	8,579	8,794	9,014
245-5200	EXPENSES	1,100	217	306	500	300
		9,306	8,628	8,885	9,294	9,314
249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	2,598	1,634	0	1,700	700
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,933	839	858	1,000	2,000
249-5800	CAPITAL	0		0		
		5,531	2,473	858	2,700	2,700
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	2,000	1,853	1,967	2,000	500
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $6,386/year) (Deer Officer @ $2,230/year)	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,405	8,616
292-5200	EXPENSES	2,500	375	21	500	750
		10,700	8,575	8,221	8,905	9,366
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,382/year)	1,258	1,289	1,315	1,348	1,382
294-5200	EXPENSES	15,400	4,098	346	1,800	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	11,200	11,712	16,261	20,000	20,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	2,000	0	678	2,000	2,000
		29,858	17,099	18,600	25,148	25,182
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	21,000	19,000	21,023	19,350	27,628
298-5700	OTHER		4,026	0		
298-5800	CAPITAL	9,300		0		
		30,300	23,026	21,023	19,350	27,628

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299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $12,490	128,560	129,876	162,551	153,585	159,208
299-5700	OTHER	3,000		0		
299-5800	CAPITAL	0	4,818	0		0
		131,560	134,694	162,551	153,585	159,208
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,497,694	1,513,702	1,603,246	1,622,673	1,617,383
	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	4,196,091	4,491,831	5,017,781	5,430,178	5,674,198
	FY07 base $5,674,198 + FY 06 Encumbrance $22,012= $5,696,210					
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	43,227	40,803	65,857	66,285	64,533
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	220,247	222,441	217,467	198,903	212,053
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)	44,708	50,903	50,339	49,440	48,653
		308,182	314,147	333,663	314,628	325,239
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	4,504,273	4,805,978	5,351,444	5,744,806	5,999,437
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	58,406	63,980	55,489	46,517	37,530
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	4,562,679	4,869,958	5,406,933	5,791,323	6,036,967
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	363,155	379,630	384,147	402,678	409,052
	(DPW Director @ $72,500/yr.)					
	(Foreman @ $26.31/hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity)					
	Foreman shared w/water dept.					
	(Other Wages @ $18.79-$22.08/hour)					
422-5200	EXPENSES	32,000	34,800	33,623	29,400	31,109
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	50,900	59,124	59,222	60,200	58,500
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	16,800	24,330	23,580	16,800	16,800
422-5800	CAPITAL	55,000	19,551	29,101	15,000	0
		517,855	517,435	529,673	524,078	515,461

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423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	36,050	21,937	44,284	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	54,000	43,613	72,612	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0		
		90,050	65,550	116,896	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	36,211	34,101	33,478	37,300	48,490
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	33,000	35,158	37,501	36,000	40,000
		33,000	35,158	37,501	36,000	40,000
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	300,000	239,000	235,972	241,700	270,700
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $39.46/wk)	1,868	1,620	1,615	2,002	2,052
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	4,728	3,734	2,924	4,000	3,500
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	500	500	465	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	200	120	200	200	200
		7,296	5,974	5,204	6,702	6,252
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	36,590	41,755	43,988	53,050	60,711
		36,590	41,755	43,988	53,050	60,711
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,021,002	938,973	1,002,712	988,880	1,031,664

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	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					HOLD
510-5100	SALARIES	2,120	2,000	2,000	2,170	2,222
	(Inspector of Animals @ $2,102/year)					
	(Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)					
510-5200	EXPENSES	10,500	1,330	1,652	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $50/hr		10,100	9,316	10,500	10,500
510-5700	OTHER	16,430	2,218	300	2,800	300
		29,050	15,648	13,268	18,270	15,822
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES (14 hrs/wk @ $14.71/hr - COA Grant $3,741)	2,600	379	1,360	6,747	6,968
541-5200	EXPENSES	3,930	3,919	7,639	5,000	5,500
		6,530	4,298	8,999	11,747	12,468
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES		29,780	35,027	42,897	43,798
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $14.71/hr)					
	Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $10.51-$14.71/hr.)					
542-5200	EXPENSES			11,202	6,750	8,845
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
			29,780	46,229	49,647	52,643
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	12,624	12,623	13,559	13,966	14,744
		13,624	12,623	13,559	14,966	15,744
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	49,204	62,349	82,055	94,630	96,677

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	CULTURE and RECREATION						
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**						
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES						
5101	Director (Salary @ $58,224/yr)		55,619	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224
	Assistant Director - not funded in FY06				0	0	0
		Subtotal Administration	55,619	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224
5102	Head Reference (@ $32,144/year)		31,925	28,511	30,712	31,480	32,144
5103	Reference (@ $30,556/year + $100 longevity)		27,819	28,843	29,295	30,026	30,656
5104	Head Childrens (@ $35,050/year + $100 longevity)		31,925	33,101	32,947	34,427	35,150
5105	Childrens (@ $31,665/year)		28,832	27,624	30,255	31,012	31,665
5106	Head of Circulation (@ $35,050/yr + $100 longevity)		31,925	33,101	33,589	34,427	35,150
5107	Administrative Assistant (@ $30,556/year)		27,818	28,843	29,195	29,926	30,556
5108	Technical Services (@ $41,857/year + $400 longevity)		38,111	39,514	40,393	41,392	42,257
		Subtotal Professional	218,355	219,537	226,386	232,690	237,578
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($12.00-$13.57/hr)		74,955	61,402	58,268	58,283	65,980
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $15.16/hr.				18,831	19,302	19,708
	Custodian - 63.5 % of $650 clothing allowance					406	406
	2 Shelvers @ 10 hrs/wk. @ $7.69-$8.24/hr.				5,877	8,645	8,861
		Subtotal Support		61,402	82,976	86,636	94,955
		Total Salaries	348,929	338,606	367,581	375,336	390,757
620-5200	EXPENSES						
5201	Library Books		81,900	85,371	88,000	88,400	92,000
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals		10,000	7,822	7,992	8,000	8,000
5203	Furniture & Equipment		2,000	486	522	0	
5204	Technology		38,000	35,026	35,926	35,526	35,674
5205	General Supplies		13,200	13,877	12,100	13,200	13,265
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel		3,200	1,202	996	1,070	1,070
5207	Programs		3,000	2,732	1,000	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities		65,000	51,480	49,505	58,500	56,000
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds		5,500	12,123	19,402	20,820	20,820
5210	Other		3,000		0	0	
		Total Expenses	224,800	210,119	215,443	226,516	227,829
620-5800	CAPITAL						
					0	0	0
		Total Capital		0	0	0	0
	TOTAL LIBRARY		573,729	548,725	583,024	601,852	618,586

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640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,362 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	42,505	45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958
		42,505	45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES	4,000	4,330	0	0	
650-5200	EXPENSES	3,244	2,794	6,254	2,500	3,050
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	0		650	650	650
650-5700	OTHER	0		0		
		7,244	7,124	6,904	3,150	3,700
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	300	0	0	50	50
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	1,008	1,008	1,038	1,064	1,091
		1,008	1,008	1,038	1,064	1,091
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	500	0	0	50	0
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	500	350	325	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	625,786	602,322	653,105	661,085	678,885
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	255,136	250,144	276,119	295,843	308,782
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,300	2,288	2,288	2,530	2,720
		257,436	252,432	278,407	298,373	311,502
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	310,607	324,123	399,835	442,775	527,803
914-5700	UNEMPLOYMENT		7,398	12,266	18,354	0
914-5710	OTHER - BUY-BACK	21,500				0
		332,107	331,521	412,101	461,129	527,803

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Budgeted 7/1/05 6/30/06	Recommended 7/1/06 6/30/07
916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	31,700	23,431	27,198	27,810	29,287
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	75,600	90,631	89,303	123,199	125,799
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance			11,000	11,000	12,650
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
		76,600	90,631	100,303	135,199	139,449
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	697,843	698,015	818,009	922,511	1,008,041
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	25,000	0	0		
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT		0	0	20,000	110,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER		0	0	10,000	13,000
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Qunit - Debt Exclusion)					40,000
	Subtotal - Principal	135,000	125,000	125,000	155,000	288,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	1,400	0	0		
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	9,383	8,583	7,783	6,983	6,183
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	54,058	51,258	48,458	45,657	42,858
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	14,488	13,688	12,888	12,088	11,288
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)		10,135	9,535	8,935	8,335
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT		0	940	55,368	0
	FY 06 Encumbrance $197,212 - FY07 interest $106,182 = $91,030 interest available to put towards FY08					
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER			1,353	2,520	1,881
710-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)				10,100	14,584
	Subtotal - Interest	79,329	83,664	80,957	141,651	85,129
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	214,329	208,664	205,957	296,651	373,129
	Subtotal General Fund	**9,374,430**	**9,653,260**	**10,954,351**	**11,199,289**	**11,714,941**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Budgeted 7/1/05 6/30/06	Recommended 7/1/06 6/30/07
	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	WATER DEPARTMENT					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	106,918	106,488	107,994	115,952	119,496
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $63,287/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $26.31/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $21.525/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	71,600	79,646	106,240	145,343	97,600
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		33,993	67,440	17,040	10,180
29-5800	CAPITAL	44,300	38,664	45,629	51,000	97,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	222,818	258,791	327,303	329,335	324,276
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL	90,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST	71,820	58,085	60,085	52,085	49,085
	Subtotal Water Tank	161,820	133,085	135,085	127,085	124,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	384,638	391,876	462,388	456,420	448,361
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**9,759,068**	**10,045,136**	**11,416,739**	**11,655,709**	**12,163,302**

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE 2 AS SHOWN ON RECAP SHEET

	WAGES	2,639,986
	EXPENSES	9,393,316
	CAPITAL	130,000
	TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	**12,163,302**

ARTICLE 3: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2006, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 4: Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $91,682 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 5: Operating Budget – Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $91,082 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006?"

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 6: CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2007; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of

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money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 7: Town Hall/Police Station Project: Additional Funding Request

CPC MUST BE RECORDED AS MAKING MOTION IF ARE IN FAVOR

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation for the cost of the Town Hall renovation and the new Police Station project, approved under Article 7 of the 2002 annual Town Meeting, Article 1 of the October 19, 2004, Special Town Meeting, and Article 7 of the October 5, 2005, Special Town Meeting by an amount to be recommended by the Town Hall & Police Station Building Committee for costs for the rehabilitation of the historic Town Hall, and to increase the authorized borrowing by a like amount provided that said increase in borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Mass General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued in order to pay for the rehabilitation of the historic Town Hall portion of the Town Hall and Police Station Project?"

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FAVORABLE ?

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8: Leveling Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 9: Community Preservation Act Amendment – Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act to exempt from taxes assessed under the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws the portion or portions of real property in the Town of Wenham owned by a cooperative corporation and occupied by any of its members as such member's domicile pursuant to a proprietary lease, which special act shall be substantially the same as the special act attached to this warrant as Appendix A; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

TELLER COMMIT:

Articles 9, 10, 14

Also Art. 7 (2/3 vote)

ARTICLE 10: Call Fire Fighter Survivor Benefits – Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act which provides that, notwithstanding any provision of chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, if any call firefighter of the Town is killed or severely disabled in the line of duty, said firefighter and his/her spouse and children, shall thereupon be deemed an "employee" and "dependents", respectively, within the meaning of said chapter 32B and shall be eligible to enroll in the Town's group health insurance programs, provided that the Town shall pay the portion of the health insurance premium that it pays for its retired full-time employees at the time of said firefighter's death or disability; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 11: Cable Television Non-profit Corporation Authorization

To see if the Town will authorize the creation of a non-profit Local Access Corporation to operate and administer the television production for educational, public and government purposes, as set forth by the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended, and as set forth in the Cable TV Renewal License with Comcast dated Feb. 28, 2005, and any other cable TV Franchise Licenses the Town may issue; and to see if the Town will authorize the execution of any cooperative agreements with the Town of Hamilton required for the administration of a joint cable enterprise; and to authorize the transfer of Cable TV funds received from Comcast from the accounts in which they are held to the non-profit Local Access Cable TV Corporation; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 12: Water Resource Protection (Chpt. XIX) – Enforcement and Penalties

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw (Chapter XVIII) and Noncriminal Disposition of Certain Violations Bylaw (Chapter XIX) to establish a new schedule of penalties, not to exceed $300 per violation, for violation of the Water Resources Protection Bylaw, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and its agents to enforce the Bylaw in accordance with M.G. L. Ch. 40 Section 21D, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting. SUPPORTS
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13: Board of Health – Mutual Aid Agreement Authorization

To see if the Town of Wenham will, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, section 4A, authorize the Wenham Board of Health, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 14: Liquor License Authorization – Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act authorizing the Board of Selectmen to grant four licenses and ten one-day special event licenses for the on premises sale and consumption of all alcoholic beverages in restaurants with a capacity of less than one hundred persons, provided that (a) the sale and consumption of such alcoholic beverages is incidental to the service of a meal; (b) any restaurant holding such license does not contain a lounge or bar; and (c) the holder of any such license complies with such other requirements and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee SUPPORTS *will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.*
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 15: To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

APPENDIX A

RELATIVE TO COOPERATIVE CORPORATIONS IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the town of Wenham, when assessing taxes owed under the Community Preservation Act as defined in Chapter 44B of the General Laws, with respect to real property owned by a cooperative corporation, as defined in section 4 of chapter 157B, that portion which is occupied by a member pursuant to a proprietary lease as the member's domicile shall be deemed to be real property owned by such member for the purposes of this section, provided, that such portion of the real estate is represented by the member's share or shares of stock in the cooperative corporation and the percentage of such portion to the whole is determined by the percentage of the member's shares to the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including shares owned by the corporation. Such portion of such real property shall be eligible for any exemption provided in the Community Preservation Act if such member meets all requirements for such exemption. Any exemption so provided shall reduce the taxable valuation of the real property owned by the cooperative corporation; provided, however, that the reduction in taxes realized thereby shall be credited by the cooperative corporation against the amount of such taxes otherwise payable by or chargeable to such member. Nothing in this clause shall be construed to affect the tax status of any manufactured home or mobile home under this chapter, but shall apply to the land on which such manufactured home or mobile home is located if all other requirements of this clause are met.

This act shall take effect upon passage.

APPENDICES

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1.	New Growth History
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6.	Reserve Fund and Free Cash Summaries
7.	Municipal Finance Terminology

APPENDIX NO. 1

NEW GROWTH HISTORY

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New Growth Tax Value
(Value Added to Levy Limit)

FY2007 - Estimated	$ 89,235
FY2006	$ 88,558
FY2005	112,870
FY2004	79,274
FY2003	51,322
FY2002	94,429
FY2001	84,358
FY2000	210,303
FY1999	147,707
FY1998	61,384
FY1997	95,580
FY1996	41,757
FY1995	107,516

APPENDIX NO. 2

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED FY2007 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT		DESCRIPTION	AMT	FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARTICLE 2	SPECIAL ARTICLE
210	Police	Cruiser Replacement	33,000	33,000	
450	Water	Hydrant and Meter Replacement	52,000	52,000	
450	Water	Refurbish Wells & Pump Station	45,000	45,000	
			$130,000	**$130,000**	

APPENDIX NO. 3

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED FY07 BUDGET
MARCH 30, 2006

TOTAL DISTRICT	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	1,573,433	$8,280	0.5%	1,627,271	$53,838	3.4%
Instructional Salaries	$9,716,355	$541,562	5.9%	$9,957,118	$240,764	2.5%
Instructional Expenses	$472,080	$95,060	25.2%	$454,859	-$17,221	-3.6%
Utilities	$613,200	$21,200	3.6%	$755,073	$141,873	23.1%
Maintenance	$641,985	-$51,685	-7.5%	$650,559	$8,574	1.3%
Custodial Salaries	$548,403	$12,659	2.4%	$539,811	-$8,592	-1.6%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$407,554	$145,119	55.3%	$386,459	-$21,095	-5.2%
Health Services	$170,112	-$8,377	-4.7%	$169,487	-$625	-0.4%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,486,422	$237,536	10.6%	$2,746,352	$259,930	10.5%
Transportation	$582,646	$27,320	4.9%	$601,695	$19,049	3.3%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip	$166,000	$63,500	62.0%	$126,000	-$40,000	-24.1%
Curriculum & Instruction	$60,453	$14,453	31.4%	$29,200	-$31,253	-51.7%
Special Education	$4,418,011	$107,702	2.5%	$4,978,339	$560,328	12.7%
Misc. Expenses	$249,830	-$30,005	-10.7%	$304,556	$54,726	21.9%
Gross Budget Total	22,106,483	1,184,323	5.66%	23,326,779	1.220,296	5.52%

Non-Tax Revenues	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Transportation	$249,829	$73,711	41.9%	$331,284	$81,455	32.6%
Chapter 70 Aid	$3,092,519	$30,928	1.0%	$3,220,895	$128,376	4.2%
Non-resident Tuition (School Choice)	$475,000	$35,532	8.1%	$430,000	-$45,000	-9.5%
Reserves	$185,000	-$331,834	-64.2%	$245,000	$60,000	32.4%
Interest Income	$10,000	-$2,000	-16.7%	$20,000	$10,000	100.0%
Parking Fees	$37,500	$22,500	150.0%	$30,000	-$7,500	-20.0%
Rent/Medicaid/PreSchool/Circuit Breaker/Misc	$270,647	$125,397	86.3%	$270,647	$0	0.0%
Total Revenues	$4,320,495	($45,766)	-1.05%	$4,547,826	$227,331	5.26%

Net Budget Total	$17,785,988	$1,230,089	7.43%	$18.778,953	$992,965	5.58%

Town Appropriations	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Hamilton Operational Share (by enrollment .6907/FY07)	$12,331,026	$823,020	7.15%	$12,970,624	$639,598	5.19%
Wenham Operational Share (by enrollment .3093/FY07)	$5,454,963	$407,069	8.06%	$5,808,330	$353,368	6.48%

Hamilton Debt Offset	$24,784			$21,037		
Wenham Debt Offset	-$24,784			-$21,037		

Hamilton Total Assessment	$12,355,809	$817,691	7.09%	$12,991,660	$635,851	5.15%
Wenham Total Assessment	$5,430,179	$412,398	8.22%	$5,787,293	$357,115	6.58%

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED FY07 BUDGET
MARCH 30, 2006

Cutler	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$136,566	$7,248	5.61%	$136,731	$165	0.12%
Instructional Salaries	$1,234,009	$17,662	1.45%	$1,282,298	$48,289	3.91%
Instructional Expenses	$62,050	$6,850	12.41%	$58,140	-$3,910	-6.30%
Utilities	$72,500	$8,200	12.75%	$90,722	$18,222	25.13%
Maintenance	$69,085	-$3,638	-5.00%	$67,444	-$1,641	-2.38%
Custodial Salaries	$73,111	$1,761	2.47%	$75,889	$2,778	3.80%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$8,715	$2,527	40.84%	$6,254	-$2,461	-28.24%
Health Services	$26,503	$4,381	19.80%	$26,503	$0	0.00%
Other Expenses	$0	$0		$4,750	$4,750	
Subtotal	$1,682,539	$44,991	2.75%	$1,748,731	$66,192	3.93%

Winthrop	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$136,191	$5,862	4.50%	$136,356	$165	0.12%
Instructional Salaries	$1,292,576	$55,780	4.51%	$1,245,271	-$47,305	-3.66%
Instructional Expenses	$62,220	$10,309	19.86%	$56,780	-$5,440	-8.74%
Utilities	$87,000	-$7,000	-7.45%	$110,221	$23,221	26.69%
Maintenance	$67,735	$9,114	15.55%	$66,094	-$1,641	-2.42%
Custodial Salaries	$73,111	$1,761	2.47%	$75,889	$2,778	3.80%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$9,469	$2,546	36.78%	$7,030	-$2,439	-25.76%
Health Services	$27,503	-$20,469	-42.67%	$26,978	-$525	-1.91%
Other Expenses	$0	$0		$4,750	$4,750	#DIV/0!
Subtotal	$1,755,805	$57,903	3.41%	$1,729,368	-$26,436	-1.51%

Buker	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Offices' Salaries	$129,895	$6,198	5.01%	$129,935	$40	0.03%
Instructional Salaries	$866,829	$32,710	3.92%	$906,429	$39,600	4.57%
Instructional Expenses	$41,310	$7,060	20.61%	$41,650	$340	0.82%
Utilities	$78,200	$500	0.64%	$90,394	$12,194	15.59%
Maintenance	$64,234	$13,334	26.20%	$63,044	-$1,190	-1.85%
Custodial Salaries	$75,299	$1,814	2.47%	$79,925	$4,626	6.14%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$8,715	$2,527	40.84%	$6,254	-$2,461	-28.24%
Health Services	$26,578	$4,381	19.74%	$26,578	$0	0.00%
Other Expenses	$0	$0		$4,602	$4,602	
Subtotal	$1,291,060	$68,524	5.61%	$1,348,811	$57,751	4.47%

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED FY07 BUDGET
MARCH 30, 2006

Middle School	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$242,775	$9,512	4.08%	$242,815	$40	0.02%
Instructional Salaries	$2,161,808	$173,658	8.73%	$2,289,309	$127,501	5.90%
Instructional Expenses	$128,700	$34,842	37.12%	$96,579	-$32,121	-24.96%
Utilities	$139,000	$9,000	6.92%	$175,411	$36,411	26.19%
Maintenance	$70,413	-$14,937	-17.50%	$83,594	$13,181	18.72%
Custodial Salaries	$125,238	$3,487	2.86%	$112,141	-$13,097	-10.46%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$21,079	-$2,748	-11.53%	$16,968	-$4,111	-19.50%
Health Services	$43,127	$1,875	4.55%	$43,127	$0	0.00%
Other Expenses	$0	$0		$8,887	$8,887	
Subtotal	$2,932,140	$214,689	7.90%	$3,068,831	$136,691	4.66%

High School	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$318,596	-$22,572	-6.62%	$317,846	-$750	-0.24%
Instructional Salaries	$3,792,117	$246,295	6.95%	$3,867,599	$75,482	1.99%
Instructional Expenses	$177,800	$35,999	25.39%	$201,710	$23,910	13.45%
Utilities	$207,000	$10,000	5.08%	$258,825	$51,825	25.04%
Maintenance	$110,854	$9,514	9.39%	$106,594	-$4,260	-3.84%
Custodial Salaries	$159,989	$3,836	2.46%	$167,280	$7,291	4.56%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$359,576	$140,267	63.96%	$349,953	-$9,623	-2.68%
Health Services	$44,151	$705	1.62%	$44,051	-$100	-0.23%
Other Expenses		$0		$12,079	$12,079	
Subtotal	$5,170,082	$424,044	8.93%	$5,325,937	$155,855	3.01%

Special Education	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$164,507	$5,570	3.50%	$164,507	$0	0.00%
Instructional Salaries	$2,876,513	$299,491	11.62%	$2,945,106	$68,593	2.38%
Instructional Expenses	$211,034	-$76,886	-26.70%	$326,100	$115,066	54.52%
Utilities	$24,500	$3,220	15.13%	$25,500	$1,000	4.08%
Transportation	$296,532	$39,082	15.18%	$382,613	$86,081	29.03%
Out-of-District Tuition	$844,925	-$162,775	-16.15%	$1,128,651	$283,726	33.58%
Other Expenses		$0		$5,862	$5,862	
Subtotal	$4,418,011	$107,702	2.50%	$4,978,339	$560,328	12.68%

Central Offices	05-06 Bud.	Change	% Chng	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$609,411	$2,031	0.33%	$663,589	$54,178	8.89%
Instructional Salaries	$369,016	$15,457	4.37%	$366,213	-$2,803	-0.76%
Custodial Salaries	$41,655	$0	0.00%	$28,687	-$12,968	-31.13%
Utilities	$29,500	$500	1.72%	$29,500	$0	0.00%
Health Services	$2,250	$750	50.00%	$2,250	$0	0.00%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,486,422	$237,536	10.56%	$2,746,352	$259,930	10.45%
Transportation	$582,646	$27,320	4.92%	$601,695	$19,049	3.27%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip.	$166,000	$63,500	61.95%	$126,000	-$40,000	-24.10%
Curriculum & Instruction/Staff Development	$60,453	$14,453	31.42%	$29,200	-$31,253	-51.70%
Maintenance	$259,664	-$65,072	-20.04%	$263,789	$4,125	1.59%
Misc. Expenses	$249,830	-$30,005	-10.72%	$247,577	-$2,253	-0.90%
Other Expenses	$0	$0		$21,911	$21,911	
Subtotal	$4,856,847	$266,470	5.80%	$5,126,763	$269,916	5.56%

APPENDIX NO. 4

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

FY	* $4,550,000 ** School 91 Project	* $24,781,000 ** School 97 Project	* $1,300,000 ** School Boiler	4.54% * $1,294,000 Joint Library	4.54% * $350,000 Lease Buy-out	4.54% $245,000 Fire Truck	4.54% * $244,000 Town Hall	Estimated 4.35% * $4,456,000 Town Hall	Estimated 4.35% * $63,000 Iron Rail Boiler	Estimated 4.35% $505,000 Fire Truck	Total Payments	Tax Rate Impact	4.54% $1,471,000 Water Tank
											FY07 est. values $858,919,493		
2005	65,857	231,515	50,339	118,458	32,888	27,782	24,535		15,024		566,398	0.66	130,085
2006	66,285	212,951	49,440	115,658	32,088	26,982	23,935	336,520	12,520	45,200	921,579	1.07	127,085
2007	64,008	214,303	48,244	112,858	31,288	26,183	23,335	216,182	14,881	54,584	805,866	0.94	124,085
2008	66,009	216,737	47,048	110,058	30,488	25,383	22,735	342,763	12,175	60,228	933,623	1.09	121,085
2009	65,311	216,805	45,752	107,258	29,688	24,583	22,135	423,353	11,740	58,488	1,005,112	1.17	118,085
2010	55,330	219,251	44,356	104,388	28,868	23,763	21,520	412,913	11,305	51,748	973,441	1.13	115,010
2011	42,823	218,626	42,861	101,448	28,028	22,923	20,890	402,473	5,870	50,225	936,167	1.09	111,860
2012	0	221,709	41,366	103,438	27,168	17,062	20,245	392,033	5,653	48,703	877,376	1.02	108,635
2013		221,684	0	100,063	26,268	16,388	19,570	381,593	5,435	47,180	818,181	0.95	105,260
2014		221,964		96,613	25,348	15,698	18,880	371,153	5,218	45,658	800,531	0.93	101,810
2015		222,801		88,125	19,418	0	18,183	360,713		44,135	753,375	0.88	98,323
2016		224,234		84,800	18,705		12,470	345,273		42,616	728,097	0.85	99,760
2017		225,506		71,440	17,985		11,990	330,050		40,190	697,161	0.81	95,920
2018		227,184		68,500	17,250		11,500	320,045		39,568	684,047	0.80	92,000
2019		227,497		60,500	16,500		11,000	310,040		38,045	663,582	0.77	88,000
2020		0		57,750	15,750		10,500	300,035		36,523	420,558	0.49	84,000
2021				0	0		0	290,030			290,030	0.34	0
2022								280,025			280,025	0.33	
2023								270,020			270,020	0.31	
2024								260,015			260,015	0.30	
2025								250,010			250,010		
2026								240,005			240,005	0.28	
Totals	425,623	3,322,767	369,406	1,501,355	397,728	226,747	293,423	6,835,239	99,820	703,087	14,175,195	0.80 Avg. Impact	1,721,003

* Debt Exclusion

** School Debt is estimated based on current statistical information
(this will change from year to year as statistical data changes.)

NOTE: Authorized & Unissued:

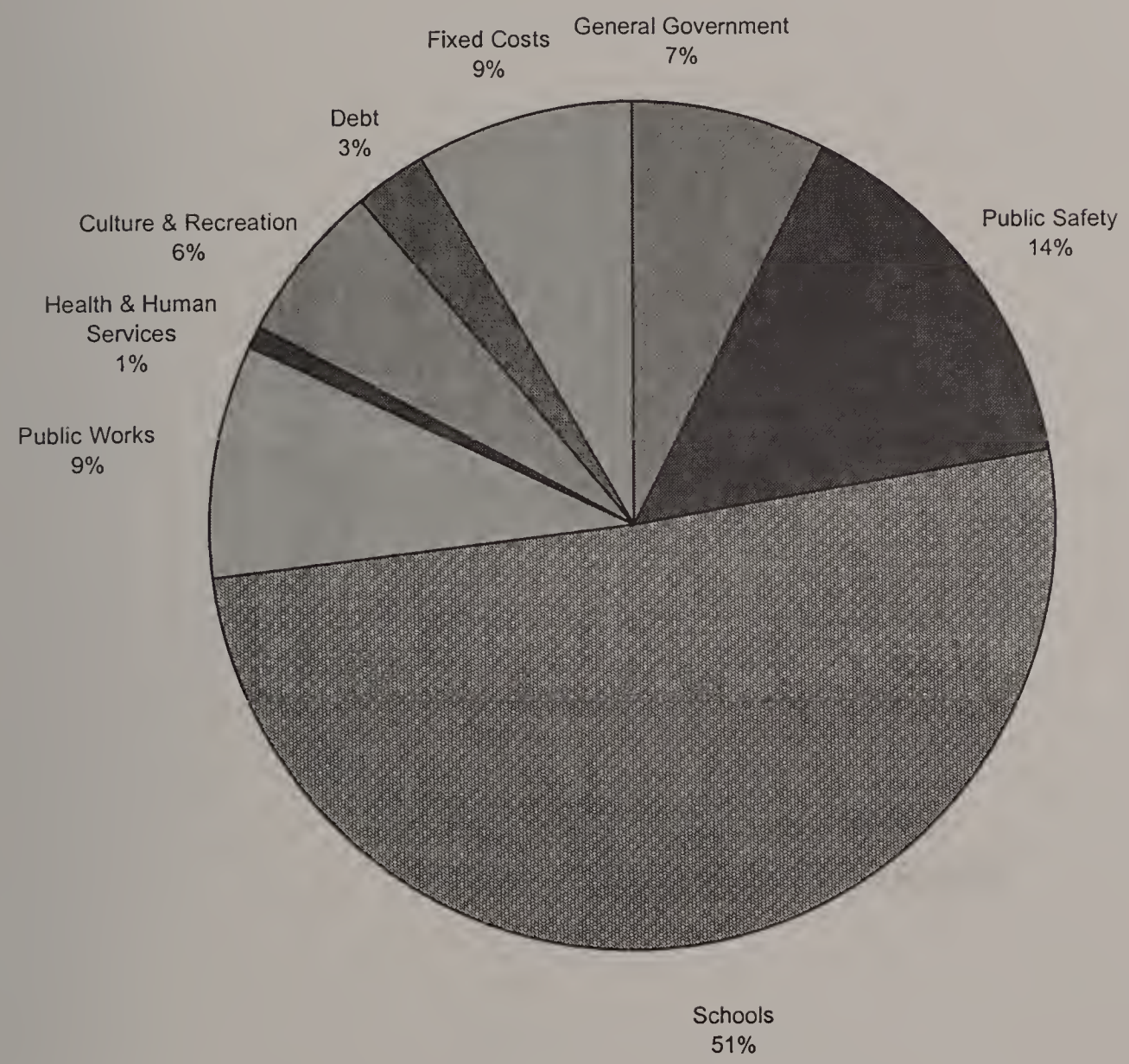
Town Hall / Police Project	$3,405,500	($3,700,000 Voted ATM 5/4/02 less $244,000 Transferred from Water Tank Project and $50,500 Bond Anticipation Note taken in FY05)
Iron Rail Boiler	$500	($72,000 less $71,500 Bond Anticipation Note taken in FY05)
Fire Truck	$0	($505,000 note taken in FY 05)
Lord's Hill Water Tank	$350,000	

NOTE: Debt payments that were raised in FY05 for the Town Hall/Police Station Budget were encumbered for FY06 and will be in FY 07.
Therefore, the amount of money raised for debt service in FY07 is reduced for the Town Hall/Police Station. See note in debt section.

APPENDIX NO. 5

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

THIS IS HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT



FIVE YEAR VALUATION AND TAX RATE HISTORY

FISCAL YEAR	VALUATION	TAX RATE / $1,000 VALUE
2001	$493,070,598	$12.71
2002	$600,635,231	$11.62
2003	$687,618,285	$11.03
2004	$692,245,572	$11.59
2005	$745,094,602	$11.91
2006	$818,018,565	$11.20

APPENDIX NO. 6

RESERVE FUND AND FREE CASH SUMMARIES

RESERVE FUND & FREE CASH SUMMARIES

RESERVE FUND 2005-2006

Listed are the transfers voted by your Finance and Advisory Committee from July 1, 2005 through March 30, 2006 from the Reserve Fund of $115,000 created at the Annual Town Meeting

Vehicle Maintenance – Fire Truck	$	8,000.00
Outside Legal Counsel		5,000.00
Highway Maintenance – Lift		13,000.00
Planning Board Expense		425.00
Police/Fire Station Maintenance		6,885.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	$	33,310.00
BALANCE AS OF 3-30-05	$	81,690.00

CERTIFIED FREE CASH (As of July 1st)

1992-2005

2005	$421,546
2004	631,437
2003	803,578
2002	687,915
2001	691,247
2000	996,102
1999	765,593
1998	361,970
1997	532,444
1996	809,190
1995	770,128
1994	451,910
1993	317,065
1992	390,398

APPENDIX NO. 7

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meeting. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of their meaning, the following definitions are provided:

Balance as of 3-31-06

FREE CASH: **$421,546**

Free cash is a community's unrestricted available funds that may be used as a funding source for appropriations. Free Cash is generated when actual revenue collections exceeds budgeted estimates and when actual expenditures are less than budgeted appropriations, or a combination of both.

OVERLAY: (Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions) **$158,942**

An account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions, and uncollected taxes in that year. This amount is provided by the Board of Assessors and is raised on the tax recapitulation sheet.

STABILIZATION FUND: **$422,083**

A fund designed to accumulate funds for capital and other future spending purposes. A community may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding 10% of the tax levy of the preceding year for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund. Amounts from this fund may be appropriated by a two-thirds vote, at a Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

RESERVE FUND: **$81,690**

An amount set aside annually within the budget of a Town, not to exceed 5% of the tax levy for the preceding year. Transfers from this fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance and Advisory Committee and are for "extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures."

CHERRY SHEET:

An official notification from the State (originally printed on cherry-colored paper), which itemizes State Aid due to communities, as well as State and County charges assessed to communities. The resulting net receipt of funds is used by the Town to offset the "Amount to be Raised". The Cherry Sheet is usually received from the State in the Fall and is necessary before the Board of Assessors can set the tax rate.

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PERMIT 195

POSTAL PATRON
WENHAM, MA 01984

PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006
1:00 P.M.

AT THE BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL

TOWN OF WENHAM

2006
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
PART 1

TOWN REPORTS

PART I 2006

To All the Citizens of Wenham:

Your Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this report of our Town's activities in 2006, the twenty-sixth year under Proposition 2 ½ and the seventh of the new millennium.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2007**. The Warrant for this meeting along with the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Committee and this Board, will be found in the separate booklet, Part II. We hope you will study it before the hearing on the budget, which will be held at **Buker School** on **Monday, April 30, 2007 at 7:30 P.M**. We trust you will give this budget your consideration and come to the meetings prepared to participate actively in our deliberations.

PETER A. HERSEE, Chairman
THOMAS TANOUS
JOHN A. CLEMENZI

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ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THOMAS TANOUS, PETER HERSEE, JOHN A. CLEMENZI

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

ELECTED OFFICIALS 2006 – 2007

MODERATOR
Paul D. Weaver (2007) 2008

TOWN CLERK
Frances Harte Young (2007) 2008

SELECTMEN
Peter A. Hersee, Chairman (2008)
~~Thomas Tanous (2007)~~ LAWRENCE SWARTZ 2010
John A. Clemenzi (2009)

ASSESSORS
John O. Wilhelm Jr., Resigned (8/2006)
RESIGNED 2007 DECIDED TO REMAIN ON BOARD → John F. DeSimone, Chairman (2008) CHAIRMAN
Lawrence D. Swartz, (2007) RESIGNED
Richard W. Fleming, Appt. (2007) 2 YR TERM 2009
THOMAS TANOUS 2010 (3 YR TERM)

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Dorothy D. Maciejowski, Chairman (2008)
~~Dana F. Bagnell, Resigned (1/2007)~~
Richard T. Caves (2007) 2010
Vacancy
BRYANT BARNARD 2009 (WRITE IN)

BOARD OF HEALTH
Gerald T. Donnellan, Chairman (2009)
Dr. Miguel A. Martinez, (2007) 2010
Dorothy D. Maciejowski (2008)

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
~~Phyllis L. Sullivan, Chairman (2007)~~
Elizabeth A. Armington (2009)
James J. Stelline (2008)
Marion D'Ambrosio (2011)
~~Marcia A. Molay (State Appointee)~~
ANN M. SHAW 2012
ELIZABETH CRAIG-MCCORMACK
TO 12/12/2009 STATE APPT

TREE WARDEN
Pierre Erhard (2007) 2008

HAMILTON-WENHAM
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Wendy Daynes, Chairman (2008) Wenham
Doris Gallant (2007) Wenham 2010
Annette Janes (2009) (at-large)
Madelyn Liberti (2007) Hamilton
Joanne Ridinger (2008) Hamilton
Elizabeth Stanton (2009) (at-large)

PLANNING BOARD
David E. Geikie, Chairman (2008)
Donald J. Killam, Jr. (2010)
Virginia L. Rogers ~~(2007)~~ 2012
Gretchen W. Roorbach (2011) RESIGNED/MOVED
Ernest S. Dodge (2009)

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REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Donald E. Gallant, Chairman (2007)
Catherine A. Harrison (2008)
Laurie Wilson (2009)
John J. O'Keefe (2009)
Alexa McCloughan (2009)
William F. Martin (2008)
Richard L. Boroff (2008)
Denise Bisaillon (2007)
Lisa Gaquin (2007)

WATER COMMISSIONERS
Richard K. Quateman, Chairman (2008)
Richard M. Carnevale (2009) RESIGNED 02/16/08
~~Benjamin B. Tymann (2007)~~
ERNEST ASHLEY 2010 WRITE IN

ELECTED STATE AND NATIONAL SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT
Representative (4th Essex District)
Bradford Hill
Senator (1st. Essex & Middlesex District)
Bruce E. Tarr

UNITED STATES CONGRESS
Representative (6th District)
John F. Tierney
Senators
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

Offical Ground Breaking Ceremony for renovating the Town Hall and the building of a new Police Station - November 2006.
WM NICHOLS DAVID MEHLIN PETER HERSEE HARRIET DAVIS STAN DODGE DON BANNON KEN WHITTAKER STUART ROBERTS JIM PURDY KEN WALSH JOHN CLEMENZI JOHN DARLING TOM TANOUS PHILIP OBRIEN JUDITH VEBLANC

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED 2006 - 2007

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Jeffrey A. Chelgren
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE
Nichole Hagstrom
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Kathleen McMahon
FINANCE DIRECTOR/
TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Sarah F. Johnson
ASST. TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Maureen Walton
ASSESSOR
Stephen Gasperoni
ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANT
Shirley Cashman
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
William Tyack
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER
Bruce D. Blanchard
SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK
A. Winslow Dodge
PERMITTING OFFICE
Kathleen Teel
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
Charles Brett
OIL BURNER INSPECTOR
Jeffrey Baxter
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
William Thomas (resigned 2006)
Kevin Dash, Appt. 11/2006
INSPECTOR OF WIRES
Robert B. Brown, Jr.
CONSERVATION COORDINATOR
Linda Hansen
TOWN COUNSEL
Paul D. Weaver
ADA COORDINATOR
Bruce D. Blanchard
AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH
John Jacobi
BURIAL AGENT
Jay Fountain
SURVEYOR OF LUMBER AND MEASURER
OF WOOD AND BARK
Harold W. Boothroyd
WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Marian Linden, Exec. Director

DESIGNEE TO WATERSHED DISTRICT
Bruce D. Blanchard

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
John O. Wilhelm, Chairman (2009)
Deborah H. Evans (2007)
Thomas Kyrouz (2008)
Scott B. Mackintosh (2007)
Susan L. Mehlin (2008)
Scott Spearing (resigned 01/07)
Stephen K. Fischer (2009)

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
James R. Westra, Chairman (2007)
Anthony M. Feeherry (2009)
Jonathan A. Stringer (2008)
Associate Members
Francis J. McNamara III
Timothy Mansfield

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
COMMITTEE
Patrick Wilson, Chairman
Herbert Cheeseman
Gregory Heppner
Renee MacDonald
Susan Quateman
Virginia Rogers
Jennifer Tymann
Jamie White

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Patrick Wilson, Chair (2008)
Leo Maestranzi (2009)
Roland Bonnette (2009) RESIGNED 06/2007
Robert Burnett (2007)
Philip Colarusso (2007)
Malcolm Reid (2007)
Kenneth Whittaker (2008)

IRON RAIL COMMISSION
Tara Rand, Chairman (resigned 10/06)
A. Winslow Dodge, Chairman (2009)
William P. Hidden (2007) RESIGNED 06/2007
James Perkins (2007)
Ted Wadsworth (2009)
Philip Blanchette (2008)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
James Howard, Chairman (2008) (Appt. 11/2006)
Tyson Goodridge (2009)
Michael Lucy (resigned 11/06)
David Mehlin (2007)
Jennifer Tymann (2007)
Thomas Zampell (2008)
Sissi Finn (2009)
Lanse Robb (2009)

WISSH
Susan M. Harnisch, Chairman (2008)
Sue Bannon (2008)
Susan Carp (2009) PAT PURDY 2010
~~Albert W. Dodge, Jr. (~~2007)
Jack Hauck (2009)
Donald Killam (2007) ↖ 2010
Donald F. Luxton (2008)
Calvin Perkins (2009)
Margaret Scoglio (2008)
Ann Mulry Shaw (2008)
Thomas Tanous (2007) 2010
~~Kenneth M. Walsh (2009)~~

COUNCIL ON AGING
Jack Hauck, Chairman (2007)
Jean Eddy (2007)
Susan Carp (2009)
Richard Eddy (2008)
Mary Kelly (2008)
Lucille Lynch (2007)
Jean Marchant (2008) Deceased
Barbara Morrell (resigned 10/06)
Jane Richardson (2009) Resigned
Kit Richardson (2007)
Merle E. Welsh (2009)

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR
Trudy L. Reid

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Frances deLacvivier, Chairman
Laura Carrigan
Tisha Charman
Albert W. Dodge, Jr.
Sue Evans
Mary Hull
Betsey Miller
Moira Riccio
Conrad Wilhelm

FENCE VIEWERS
Peter A. Hersee
Thomas Tanous
John A. Clemenzi

BOARD OF ELECTION REGISTRARS
Trudy L. Reid (2009)
David Lund (2007)
Helen Mulry (2008)
Frances H. Young, Registrar Ex Officio

ELECTION WARDEN
~~Phyllis L. Sullivan~~

ELECTION OFFICERS
Bryan J. Armington
Elizabeth A. Armington
Michelle Lanae Bailey
Polly B. Beyer
Barbara R. Black
Margaret W. Bode
Marion D. D'Ambrosio
Juliana F. Dodge
Joan W. Erhard
Elizabeth F. Ferris
Marilyn E. Flynn
Doris L. Gallant
Stephen B. Gasperoni
Monique B. Greilich
Sarah F. Johnson
Carol E. Kelley
Ruth W. Kingsley
Jo-Ann F. Lund
Lucille G. Lynch
Dorothy D. Maciejowski
Cynthia B. McCue
A. Homer McCue
Paul E. Mendonca
~~Janice Merry~~
Debra A. Morong
Barbara A. Morrell
Jane Richardson
Lauren M. Swartz
~~Mary E. Wedgwood~~

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Kenneth M. Walsh
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Robert Blanchard

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD
Peter A. Hersee, Wenham
Daniel Lynch, Wenham (retired 02/06)
William Tyack, Wenham
Kenneth M. Walsh, Wenham
Robert A. Blanchard, Wenham
Anne-Marie Cullen, Hamilton
Walter Cullen, Hamilton
Steven Kenney, Hamilton
Philip Stevens, Hamilton

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
Carol Larocque
Laura Ktistes, Assistant

ANIMAL INSPECTOR
Anne Jackman

INDIGINOUS ANIMAL CONTROL
Stephen Kavanagh

POLICE
Kenneth M. Walsh, Chief
Lawrence E. Kavanagh, Lt.
Sergeant Thomas C. Perkins
Sergeant Jeffrey W. Tobey
Detective Mark Fraser
Patrolman David J. Doyle
Patrolman Jonathan B. Gray
Patrolman Christopher J. Machain
Patrolman Michael Mscisz
Patrolman Donald Woodbury

Susan M. Hersee, Secretary
Mark Fraser, Keeper of the Lock-up
Shane Kavanagh, Keeper of the Lock-up
Chad Labrie, Keeper of the Lock-up
Paul Mendonca, Constable
Brent Morong, Constable
Dean Pedersen, Chaplain
Kenneth M. Walsh, Liquor Agent

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS
Matthew Almeida
Robert C. Breaker
Joy Fleck
William J. Foley
Christian Horn
Timothy H. Ingraham
Shane Kavanagh
Laura Ktistes
Chad Labrie
David Marsh
Brent T. Morong
Michael F. Perry

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS (CONT'D)
Brian J. Pratt
Paul B. Rideout
Richard Sherry
Steven T. Trocki

POLICE MATRONS
Janice M. Benevento
Judy Faustino
Joy Fleck
Susan Hersee
Laura Ktistes
Heather Osborn
Theresa Poste
Cynthia Shaw
Beatrice Silva
Laura Wheatley
Caroline Wilichoski

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Robert A. Blanchard, Chief
Stephen Kavanagh, Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Baxter, Captain and Fire Prevention Officer
Daniel Sullivan, Captain
Robert Brown, Lieutenant
Eric Fowler, Lieutenant
Thomas Raymond, Lieutenant
John Joyce, Lieutenant
David Raymond, Lieutenant
Thomas Curran, Senior Firefighter
Eric Johnson, Senior Firefighter
Jeffrey A. O'Brien, Senior Firefighter
Leonard Tuneburg, Senior Firefighter
Richard Bertone
Michael Binns
Gary Blaney
Thomas Churches
Joseph Cloutier
Mark Gates
Frank Halpin
Brian Headley
Christopher Jones
Michael Jones
William Jones
Walter Leszczynski Sr.
Kevin MacDonald
William Pantos
Andrew Reardon
James Romeos
Brad Saunders
Richard Sweeney, Jr.
Michael Symes
Robert Tamilio
Lornie Thomas

FIRE DEPARTMENT (CONT'D)
Robert Viel
Robert Wallace
William Wildes

HAMILTON-WENHAM LIBRARY
Jan Dempsey, Director
Michele Augeri
Diane Barrett
Jeannine Curtis
Nancy Day
Lorraine Der
Cindy Grove
Julie Preston

HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL
Joanne Jones, Co-Chair, Wenham (2008)
Margaret Crossan, Wenham (2008)
Helen Ribet, Wenham (2009)
Theresa Weinheimer, Wenham (2007)
Chris Eaton, Co-Chair, Hamilton
Sara DelRio, Hamilton
Mary Anne Ciriello, Hamilton
Mary Jo Favazzo, Hamilton
Meredith Gisness, Hamilton

HAMILTON-WENHAM JOINT RECREATION
Robert Kerrigan, Chairman, Wenham (2007)
Denis Curran, Jr., Wenham (2009)
Renee LaForce-MacDonald, Wenham (2008)
Jay Butler, Hamilton
Jane M. Lyman, Hamilton
Lindle Willnow, Hamilton
Maggie Whitesell, Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Margaret Whittaker, Wenham
Tom Cannon, Hamilton
Charlie Carrigan, Hamilton
Kimberly Jaeger, Hamilton
Rob McKean, Hamilton

MAPC
Theodore Wadsworth (2009)

MBTA
Don Costin (2007)

NORTH SHORE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
William O. Nichols (2007)

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT VETERANS' SERVICES
Terrance Hart, Director

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Jeff Chelgren
Peter Hersee
Sarah Johnson
Richard Jones
Kathleen McMahon
John O. Wilhelm

AD HOC COMMITTEES

TOWN HALL & POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (5/2002)
John Darling, Chairman
Donald Bannon
Tod Brainard
Jeff Chelgren
John Clemenzi
Harriet Davis
Stanley Dodge
James Howard
Judy LeBlanc
David Mehlin
William Nichols
Benjamin Tymann
Kenneth Walsh
Kenneth Whittaker

ROUTE 97 LIGHT COMMITTEE (1/2003)
Thomas Tanous, Ex-officio
William Tyack, Director of Public Works
Gerald Donnellan
Don Killam
Bessie Marlyn Oro
Robert Moroney

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Eric Lustig, Chairman
David Carey
Daniel Chansky
Jeff Chelgren
Gene Case
Steve Loeper
Newell Penniman
Nick Pollard, resigned (2/2006)
William Tyack
Candace Wheeler

BOULDER LANE STUDY COMMITTEE (8/2005)
Daniel Beckman
Donald Hodgman
Michael Parker
Gregory Redinbo

Annual Report of the Wenham Board of Selectmen

2006 presented a wide range of new and historical challenges and opportunities for our community. Most notably, the Town Hall and Police Station Building Project was started, work was undertaken on the emergency replacement of three culverts damaged by heavy spring storms, and Wenham was approved to begin issuing liquor licenses. These events, and many more, contributed to a busy year for the Wenham Board of Selectmen.

After four years of studies, design, and town meeting deliberation, work began on the largest capital improvement project ever undertaken by the town, the renovation of the historic Town Hall and the construction of a new Police Station. This exciting milestone for our community began in August, 2006 with the demolition of the interior of the Town Hall, and in November with the start of the overall project site work. The project envisions the renovation of Town Hall with associated site improvements and the construction of a new, 4,800 square foot Police Station in the open land area behind the existing Police/Fire Station. Work is projected to be completed in October, 2007.

The May 6, 2006 Annual Town Meeting approved three legislative petitions for submittal by the Board of Selectmen to the state legislature. The petitions sought authorization for the following: 1) to amend the Community Preservation Act in order to allow individual tax exemptions for all units within a cooperative housing development; 2) to allow Wenham to issue liquor licenses; and 3) to allow the families of call fire fighters killed or permanently injured in the line of duty to enroll in the town health benefit program. All three petitions were successfully enacted by the State Legislature by December, 2006.

Throughout the Weekend of May 15, 2006, most of New England experienced over 4 days of heavy rains and extensive flooding. This devastating rain event left many communities throughout the Commonwealth, including the town of Wenham, with extensive damage to both public and private properties. The town of Wenham experienced damage to three culverts located along the Miles River at Grapevine Road, Larch Row, and Walnut Road. Additionally, the excessive rain highlighted the need for drainage infrastructure improvements in several locations throughout town, including the intersection of Route 97 and Burnham Road. The Selectmen, therefore, designated this event a state of emergency and called a special town meeting on September 12, 2006 in order to seek the appropriation of $1,804,000 for the emergency replacement of the three culverts and the undertaking of drainage improvements at the identified locations. The town meeting approved the requested funding and the emergency work began in October, 2006. Work is scheduled to be completed in early February, 2007 with final pavement installed at all locations by May 1st, weather permitting.

In September, 2006 the Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Selectmen jointly voted to establish a H-W Cable Television Board of Directors for the purpose of overseeing the operations of the new joint-cable television studio. This non-profit organization is comprised of seven (7) members, 3 appointed by each of the Boards of Selectmen and one at-large appointee. The new board began meeting in October, 2006 and elected Robert Popadic (Wenham) as the first Board President, Phil Conrad (at-large member) the Treasurer, and William Nichols (Wenham) the Clerk. The board will independently administer the budget, personnel, and capital of the locally run cable television operation.

Other notable events occurring during 2006 include the following:

- The retirement of Dan Lynch, DPW Director, and the hiring of Bill Tyack as his replacement;
- The Fire Department took receipt of a new combined pump and ladder truck (Quint) which was funded at a special town meeting in March, 2005; and
- The final segment of the Grapevine Road sidewalk was installed, between the Iron Rail property and the intersection of Grapevine Road and Larch Row, in compliance with the town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Master Plan.

This year was especially challenging and would have been even more so had it not been for the hard work and contributions made by our town personnel and volunteers. These combined efforts have allowed the town to provide the high level of services expected by our residents while maintaining a reasonable tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Hersee
Thomas Tanous
John Clemenzi

Chairman Peter A. Hersee speaking at Groundbreaking Ceromony.

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

2006 MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

SPECIAL ELECTION Town Hall/Police Station Building Project Money Transfer	JANUARY 11
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND MEETING	MAY 6
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION School Operating Budget Additional Bonds for Rehabilitation of Old Town Hall	MAY 11
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	SEPTEMBER 12
SPECIAL ELECTION Emergency Road Repair	SEPTEMBER 14
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION	SEPTEMBER 19
STATE ELECTION	NOVEMBER 7

In 2006, five elections kept the Board of Registrars and Election Officers, including several new ones, busy and in training. Many, many thanks go to all of them for their cheerful help. Special thanks to the wonderful custodians at the Bessie Buker School.

For the September State Primary, Wenham was one of the towns in this area chosen by the State Elections Division to test a touchscreen voting machine for use by those with hearing and/or sight difficulties. Thanks to Registrars David Lund and Trudy Reid, who took the required training course, use of the apparatus went fairly smoothly. Tabulation of the results at the end of the evening (late) was somewhat of a nightmare for the Clerk, but all in all we survived. The touchscreen computer we tried was not ultimately chosen by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, so in 2006 we will be starting all over again, hopefully with a somewhat friendlier machine.

Responsibilities of the Town Clerk include the setup and running of all elections and the recording and reporting of each, as well as the certification and permanent recording of all transactions of every town meeting. All bylaw and zoning bylaw changes must be filed, along with certifications of the Town's votes on the changes, with the State Attorney General.

In addition to elections, the Town Clerk is responsible for the taking of and recording of the annual census, from which are generated the voter list, street list, school population projections, senior citizen statistics, and any general information as required.

The Clerk must record and file all birth, marriage and death certificates for the town, as well as be prepared to issue certified copies of such material upon request. Marriage licenses are drawn up in the Clerk's office. Genealogical searches and services are also provided.

Numerous items are available from the Clerk's office, including dog tags and licenses, small business certificates, raffle permits, and hunting and fishing licenses, as well recycling receipts and recycling bins.

Following are some of Wenham's statistics and recordings of meetings and elections.

POPULATION AS OF JUNE 2006

Residents	3784
Gordon College Students	1305
Total	5089

REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR STATE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Democratic Party	498
Republican Party	742
Libertarian Designation	5
Interdependent Third Party Designation	2
No Party	1266
TOTAL VOTERS	2513

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 431, which prohibits the sale or distribution of the names of children under the age of seventeen, births are not published in the Town Report. No information about children is available from the Town Clerk's office. The total number of births recorded in Wenham for 2006 is 31.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM IN 2006

Andrew Scott Lenhardt and Mary G. Hart	June 17
Seyong Ahn and Hwajoung Lee	July 1
Christopher Cause and Jeanette Ann Weeger	July 29
Joseph William Baszkiewicz and Amanda Lynn Smerage	August 5
Paul David Knight and Gretchen Mary Knight	August 19
Matthew Nathan Rubin and Patrice Elizabeth LeTourneau	October 21
James Benjamin Hawkins and Sarah Beth Geyer	November 3
Robert Allen Baer and Rose Ann McClory	December 29

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM IN 2006

Gregory Robert Vance (42)
Frederick James Pratt (81)
Mark Mesher (54)
John Anthony Reynault (75)
Joseph Ensign Lovejoy (65)
Harlan Perry Murdoch (79)
Jacqueline M. Manning (71)
Anna Marie Tremblay (75)
Robert E. Landers (82)
Elek J. Lehoczky (94)
Susan D. Lillie (95)
Marguerite Premo (84)
Doris Selena Amero (91)
Barbara Loris Kinsman (79)
Jean C. Marchant (79)
Daniel E. Wescott (58)
Mary M. Hawker (97)
Marion D. Bradbury (85)
David J. Twitchell (63)
Virginia M. Birkemose (90)
Dorothy Walton Jernegan (88)
Eugene P. Corning (88)
Foster Orrington Reed (86)
Alma Lydia Winter (88)
John Franklin DeCoff, Sr. (83)
Daniel Patrick Bower (52)
Philip E. Boynton (82)
Leroy M. Taylor (66)
Lillian Bridgette Thibault (90)
Warren R. Parker (92)
Deborah Susan Johnson (50)
Judith Ellen Bunn (59)
William O. Baker (80)
Marion C. Hanlon (94)
Doris V. Gibson (86)
Esther M. Noren (95)
A. Edward Lindberg (85)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
BIRTHS	31	44	36	42	35	32	31
MARRIAGES	9	8	8	8	10	9	8
DEATHS	25	33	31	26	29	25	37

LOCAL RECEIPTS

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2006 FOR THE SALES OF:

Recycling Permits; Recycling Bins; Small Business Certificates; Raffle Permits; Street Lists; Marriage Licenses; Certified Copies of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates; Dog Tags and Licenses; Voter Lists and Dog Lists; miscellaneous

$7,602.55

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2006 FOR THE SALES OF HUNTING, FISHING, SPORTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Reimbursement to the State of Massachusetts	$593.75
Reimbursement to the Town of Wenham	$ 33.50

Frances Harte Young
Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION
JANUARY 11, 2006

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Wednesday the eleventh of January, 2006, between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning to eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to vote on the following ballot question:

TOWN HALL/POLICE STATION BUILDING PROJECT DESIGN FUNDING

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds authorized by the vote of the Town passed October 19, 2004 (Article 1), which bonds are in addition to the bonds authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 4, 2002 (Article 7), all of which bonds are to be issued in order to finance planning, design, constructing, restoring, originally equipping and furnishing a restored town hall and a new separate or adjoining police station consistent with the vote of the Town passed October 5, 2005 (Article 7)?

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of December, 2005.

SIGNED: Thomas Tanous, Peter A. Hersee, Donald J. Pickard

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 25 day of Dec., 2005, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

BRENT MORONG, Constable of the Town of Wenham

December 25, 2005

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	247
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	244
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	3
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	247

REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING

REGULAR BALLOTS SUPPLIED	950
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	244
REGULAR BALLOTS SPOILED	3
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS	0
UNUSED BALLOTS	703
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	950

ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING

ABSENTEE BALLOTS SUPPLIED	50
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	3
ABSENTEE BALLOTS SPOILED	0
ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNRETURNED	4
UNUSED BALLOTS	43
TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	50

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION ONE

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds authorized by the vote of the Town passed October 19, 2004 (Article 1), which bonds are in addition to the bonds authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 4, 2002 (Article 7), all of which bonds are to be issued in order to finance planning, design, constructing, restoring, originally equipping and furnishing a restored Town Hall and a new separate or adjoining Police Station consistant with the vote of the Town passed October 5, 2005 (Article 7)?

YES	178
NO	69
BLANKS	0
TOTAL	247

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 6, 2006

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the Sixth of May, 2006, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00AM until 12:00NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00PM, and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 8, 2006, at 7:30PM, at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM.

ARTICLE ONE Election of Town Officers

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Assessor for two years; one Assessor for one year; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Housing Authority member for five years; two Hamilton Wenham Library Trustees At Large for three years; three Hamilton Wenham School Committee members for three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2007) beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE THREE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2006, as printed in Part 1 of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE FOUR Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $91,682 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE FIVE Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated

Regional School District Operating Budget (continued)

for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereon. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $91,082 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006?"

ARTICLE SIX CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2007; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE SEVEN Town Hall/Police Station Project: Additional Funding Request

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation for the cost of the Town Hall renovation and the new Police Station project, approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, Article 1 of the October 29, 2004, Special Town Meeting, and Article 7 of the October 5, 2005, Special Town Meeting by an amount to be recommended by the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee for costs for the rehabilitation of the historic Town Hall, and to increase the authorized borrowing by a like amount provided that said increase in borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, by the passage of a referemdum question under the Mass General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued in order to pay for the rehabilitation of the historic Town Hall portion of the Town Hall and Police Station Project?"

ARTICLE EIGHT Leveling Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

ARTICLE NINE Community Preservation Act Amendment - Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act to exempt from taxes assessed under the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws the portion or portions of real property in the Town of Wenham owned by a cooperative corporation and occupied by any of its members as such member's domicile pursuant to a proprietary lease, which special act shall be substantially the same as the special act attached to this warrant as Appendix A; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TEN Call Fire Fighter Survivor Benefits - Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act which provides that, notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, if any call firefighter of the Town is killed or severely disabled in the line of duty, said firefighter and his/her spouse and children, shall thereupon be deemed an "employee" and "dependents", respectively, within the meaning of said Chapter 32B and shall be eligible to enroll in the Town's group health insurance programs, provided that the Town shall pay the portion of the health insurance premium that it pays for its full-time employees at the time of said firefighter's death or disability; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE ELEVEN Cable Television Non-profit Corporation Authorization

To see if the Town will authorize the creation of a non-profit Local Access Corporation to operate and administer the television production for educational, public and government purposes, as set forth by the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended, and as set forth in the Cable TV Renewal License with Comcast dated February 28, 2005, and any other cable TV Franchise Licenses the Town may issue; and to see if the Town will authorize the execution of any cooperative agreements with the Town of Hamilton required for the administration of a joint cable enterprise; and to authorize the transfer of Cable TV funds received from Comcast from the accounts in which they are held to the non-profit Local Access Cable TV Corporation; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWELVE Water Resource Protection (Chapter XIX) - Enforcement and Penalties

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw (Chapter XVIII) and Noncriminal Disposition of Certain Violations Bylaw (Chapter XIX) to establish a new schedule of penalties, not to exceed $300 per violation, for violation of the Water Resources Protection Bylaw, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and its agents to enforce the Bylaw in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40 Section 21D; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN Board of Health - Mutual Aid Agreement Authorization

To see if the Town of Wenham will, in accordance with G.L.C.40, Section 4A, authorize the Wenham Board of Health, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Liquor License Authorization - Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act authorizing the Board of Selectmen to grant four licenses and ten one-day special event licenses for the on premises sales and consumption of all alcoholic beverages in restaurants with a capacity of less than one hundred persons, provided that (a) the sale and consumption of such alcoholic beverages is incidental to the service of a meal; (b) any restaurant holding such license does not contain a lounge or bar; and (c) the holder of any such license complies with such other requirements and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN To Act on Any Other Business that may legally come before this Meeting

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Sixth day of April, 2006.

SIGNED: Thomas Tanous, Peter A. Hersee, Donald J. Pickard

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this twentieth day of April, 2006, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

SIGHED: Brent T. Morong, Constable of the Town of Wenham

APPENDIX A (posted with the Warrant)

RELATIVE TO COOPERATIVE CORPORATIONS IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the town of Wenham, when assessing taxes owed under the Community Preservation Act as defined in Chapter 44B of the General Laws, with respect to real property owned by a cooperative corporation, as defined in Section 4 of Chapter 157B, that portion which is occupied by a member pursuant to a proprietary lease as the member's domicile shall be deemed to be real property owned by such member for the purposes of this section, provided, that such portion of the real estate is represented by the member's share or shares of stock in the cooperative corporation and the percentage of such portion to the whole is determined by the percentage of the member's shares to the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including shares owned by the corporation. Such portion of such real property shall be eligible for any exemption provided in the Community Preservation Act if such member meets all requirements for such exemption. Any exemption so provided shall reduce the taxable valuation of the real property owned by the cooperative corporation; provided, however, that the reduction in taxes realized thereby shall be credited by the cooperative corporation against the amount of such taxes otherwise payable by or chargeable to such member. Nothing in this clause shall be construed to affect the tax status of any manufactured home or mobile home under this chapter, but shall apply to the land on which manufactured home or mobile home is located if all other requirements of this clause are met.

This act shall take effect upon passage.

WARRANT FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Essex, ss.

To the Secretary of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee:

GREETING:

You are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the towns of Hamilton and Wenham, Essex County, Massachusetts, of the election of members to the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee. In Wenham, the election will be held at the Buker Elementary School on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The polling place shall be opened at 8:00AM and shall remain open until 12NOON. In Hamilton, the election will be held at the Winthrop Elementary School on Thursday, May 11, 2006. The polling place shall be opened at 7:00AM and shall remain open until 8:00PM. The number of members elected shall be three members for a term of three years and you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies htereof in at least one public place in each of the member towns of Hamilton and Wenham and by publishing at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district seven days at least before the election date.

Given under our hands this 30th day of March in the year 2006.

SIGNED: Donald E. Gallant, Elaine M. Carey, Lisa Gaquin, William F. Martin, Denise A. Bisaillon, Nancy A. Morse, Richard L. Boroff

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX READING AT END OF ELECTION	857
Regular Ballots cast	755
Absentee Ballots cast	102
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	857

REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Regular Ballots provided	1200
Regular Ballots cast	755
Spoiled Ballots	14
Test Ballots	3
Unused Ballots	428
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1200

ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Absentee Ballots provided	200
Absentee Ballots cast	102
Ballots unreturned or returned too late	6
Ballots rejected	1
Test Ballots	1
Unused Ballots	90
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	200

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ELECTION
HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE AT LARGE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL, PERKINS AUDITORIUM
8AM - 12NOON

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

MODERATOR (FOR ONE YEAR)
Paul D. Weaver

VOTES	679
BLANKS	173
WRITEINS	5
TOTAL	857

TOWN CLERK (ONE YEAR TERM)
Frances Harte Young

VOTES	699
BLANKS	158
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	857

SELECTMAN (THREE YEAR TERM)

John A. Clemenzi

VOTES	528
BLANKS	9
WRITEINS	0

Harriet P. Davis

VOTES	320
BLANKS	0
WRITEINS	0

GRAND TOTAL FOR SELECTMAN	857

ASSESSOR (THREE YEAR TERM)

Writein with most votes	2
LAWRENCE SWARTZ	
BLANKS	846
WRITEINS	11
TOTAL	857

ASSESSOR (TWO YEAR TERM)
John F. DeSimone

VOTES	605
BLANKS	250
WRITEINS	2
TOTAL	857

ASSESSOR (ONE YEAR TERM)

Writein with most votes	10
LAWRENCE SWARTZ	
BLANKS	840
WRITEINS	17
TOTAL	857

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ELECTION, HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE AT LARGE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

PLANNING BOARD (FIVE YEAR TERM)
Gretchen W. Roorbach

VOTES	622
BLANKS	235
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	857

TREE WARDEN (ONE YEAR TERM)
Pierre B. Erhard II

VOTES	476
BLANKS	63
WRITEINS	0

Winslow E. Mulry

VOTES	318
BLANKS	0
WRITEINS	0

GRAND TOTAL FOR TREE WARDEN	857

BOARD OF HEALTH (THREE YEAR TERM)
Gerald T. Donnellan

VOTES	624
BLANKS	233
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	857

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)
Dana P. Bagnell

VOTES	641
BLANKS	216
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	857

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (ONE YEAR TERM)
Richard T. Caves

VOTES	637
BLANKS	220
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	857

WATER COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)
Richard M. Carnevale)

VOTES	652
BLANKS	205
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	857

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ELECTION, HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE AT LARGE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

HOUSING AUTHORITY (FIVE YEAR TERM)
Marion D. D'Ambrosio

VOTES	640
BLANKS	217
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	857

HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
(Ballots impounded to May 11, 2006)

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	857
VOTE FOR THREE	
Alexa Mccloughan	557
John Joseph O'Keefe	561
Laurie J. Wilson	594
BLANKS	844
WRITEINS	15
TOTAL VOTE	2571
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	857

HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES AT LARGE ELECTION
(Ballots impounded to May 11, 2006)

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	857
VOTE FOR TWO	
Annette V. Janes	585
Elizabeth M. Stanton	500
Virginia M. Cookson	198
BLANKS	428
WRITEINS	3
TOTAL VOTE	1714
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	857

Voting at the Annual Town Meeting.

Representative Brad Hill addressing the Annual Town Meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL, Perkins Auditorium
1:00PM

MODERATOR	Paul D. Weaver
TOWN CLERK	Frances H. Young
SELECTMEN	Peter A. Hersee Donald Pickard Thomas Tanous
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Deborah Evans, Thomas Kyrouz, Scott Spearing, Lawrence Swartz, Henry Wieman

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2512
QUORUM: 5% OF 2512 = 126
PRESENT: 267

The Annual Town Election (ARTICLE ONE, ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT) was conducted from 8:00AM to NOON in the Perkins Auditorium, Bessie Buker School. (See pages 49-52 for election results)

Following luncheon, traditionally and kindly provided by the Wenham Village Improvement Society, Moderator Paul Weaver called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 1:05PM. After giving and explanation of the Warrant, including instructions about Home Rule Petitions (which require a hand count of votes), the Moderator presented the Warrant with the return of service by the Constable. He announced the other requirements for a Town Meeting had all been met: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, and a quorum.

The Meeting was reminded by the Moderator that the Town Meeting is guided by "Town Meeting Time" and that the Moderator also serves as Town Counsel. The term "previous question" stops debate on a proposed amendment (requiring a two-thirds vote) and sends the Meeting back to considering the original question.

Mr. Weaver expressed the Town's warm thanks to the Wenham Village Improvement Society for providing lunch to senior citizens and voters prior to the meeting; also to the Boy Scouts for home delivery of the Annual Report and Warrant and to the Ayer family for the beautiful flowers at the luncheon.

Selectman Thomas Tanous spoke with appreciation for the services of retired Police Chief William MacKenzie and retired Fire Chief Calvin Perkins. Thanks for many years of service were also given to retiring Assessors John O. Wilhelm, Jr. and David Bonnette; Lawrence Swartz, after seven years on the Finance Committee; and Donald Pickard, retiring Selectman.

As customary, Representative Brad Hill and Senator Bruce Tarr spoke about affairs at the state level.

MOTIONS PRESENTED BY A BOARD MEMBER CONSTITUTE A MOTION AND A SECOND.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2007) beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE TWO (continued)

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE, OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS, THE FOLLOWING SUMS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES DESIGNATED, AND THAT THE SAME BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR SUCH PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF SUMS DESIGNATED TO FUND THE TOWN'S SHARE OF OPERATING JOINT REGIONAL AND INTER-MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS WITH THE TOWN OF HAMILTON, THAT HAMILTON VOTES TO APPROVE AND FUND ITS SHARE AS PROVIDED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS; ALL SAID EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN.

Moved by Lawrence Swartz, Chairman, Finance and Advisory Committee, and seconded by the Committee

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VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE THREE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2006, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CEMETERY AND OTHER TRUSTS FUNDS RECEIVED IN FY2006, AS PRINTED IN PART I OF THE TOWN REPORTS, AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

Moved by Henry Wieman, Member of the Finance and Advisory Committee, and seconded by the Committee

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ARTICLE FOUR Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $91,682 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 246B OF THE ACTS OF 2002, THE SUM OF $91,682 FOR WORK ON TOWN ROADS, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS DETAILED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 30, SECTION 39M; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 44J; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 26-27F; SAID WORK TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Moved by Deborah Evans, Member of the Finance and Advisory Committee, and seconded by the Committee

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	50	0	0	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES (Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273/year)	12,122	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812
122-5200	EXPENSES	3,000	1,833	2,942	2,000	2,000
		15,122	12,645	13,754	12,812	12,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $87,826/year)	69,000	74,846	76,220	85,356	87,826
123-5200	EXPENSES	3,000	2,185	5,692	2,500	2,500
		72,000	77,031	81,912	87,856	90,326
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	500	0	135	250	250
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND	120,000	118,940	160,536	115,000	147,000
135	**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $45,200/year)	44,558	63,341	69,730	71,484	45,200
135-5200	EXPENSES	3,225	2,041	3,894	3,000	3,600
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES				1,500	1,500
		47,783	65,382	73,624	75,984	50,300
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	14,000	15,315	16,000	16,000	18,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES Chief Assessor @ $55,000/year Assessing Clerk @ ($18.04 / hr 18 hrs /wk) (Subs and OT @ $360) and ($100 longevity)	51,608	53,573	54,587	56,037	72,346
141-5200	EXPENSES	7,240	10,393	8,856	15,735	11,235
141-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0		
		58,848	63,966	63,443	71,772	83,581

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145	**FINANCE DIRECTOR, TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	73,736	74,201	64,717	64,644	97,490
	(Finance Director, Treasurer / Collector @ $58,500/year)					
	(Asst. Collector @ $36,000/$38,500/yr) + Cov.($1,000)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	14,810	3,845	4,800	4,350	6,550
145-5200	TAX TITLE EXP			6,084	10,000	7,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		10,652	9,181	14,600	13,500
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	563		0		
		89,109	88,698	84,782	93,594	124,540
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	3,750	3,750	320,000		
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	20,000	25,957	49,603	20,000	20,000
151-5700	OTHER				0	0
		30,750	36,707	376,603	27,000	27,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	4,000	3,982	0		
155-5200	EXPENSES	25,000	7,527	14,211	15,750	16,550
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		24,969	35,642	46,900	47,590
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)	0	8,755	13,175	15,000	5,000
155-5800	CAPITAL					0
		29,000	45,233	63,028	77,650	69,140
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	52,289	52,037	65,756	87,423	89,254
	(Permit Office @ $38,446/yr + $300 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ $38,439/yr)					
	(Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $15.16/hr)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	46,350	57,063	53,006	41,097	42,496
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	6,000				
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings		11,510	9,906	8,000	9,000
159-5320	Cleaning Services	7,500	7,227	0		
159-5700	OTHER	0		9,000	0	0
159-5800	CAPITAL	0		0	0	
		112,139	127,837	137,668	136,520	140,750

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161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $42,702/yr + $300 longevity)	39,026	40,352	40,844	41,661	43,002
161-5200	EXPENSES	2,675	1,777	765	1,300	1,400
		41,701	42,129	41,609	42,961	44,402
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	4,109	3,187	4,383	3,895	2,950
162-5200	EXPENSES	13,560	7,983	9,483	9,474	9,783
162-5700	OTHER			0		
		17,669	11,170	13,866	13,369	12,733
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $19.89/hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	18,419	19,179	16,258	19,406	20,169
171-5200	EXPENSES	5,088	2,135	2,550	3,415	4,414
		23,507	21,314	18,808	22,821	24,583
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	500	500	0	500	500
		2,045	2,045	1,545	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	150	0	0	150	150
		665	515	515	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	7,200	6,469	8,534	7,500	8,000
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	0		0		
198-5200	EXPENSES	6,020	2,600	3,481	4,653	3,653
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning		1,343			
		6,020	3,943	3,481	4,653	3,653

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199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Salary @ $5,066/yr + Additional Maint. @ $668/yr)	8,485	8,287	6,288	5,734	0
199-5200	EXPENSES	9,300	4,084	13,013	4,600	2,265
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		2,567	1,617	2,700	10,100
199-5800	CAPITAL	0	5,000	1,573	0	0
		17,785	19,938	22,491	13,034	12,365
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	705,893	759,277	1,182,334	821,536	872,195
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Chief @ $74,158 - base/year + $300 longevity)	759,054	808,859	841,700	859,820	815,927
210-5200	EXPENSES	57,081	53,999	55,896	62,381	64,726
210-5800	CAPITAL	56,000	29,999	30,000	31,500	33,000
		872,135	892,857	927,596	953,701	913,653
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS (Chief @ $35,668/year) (Fire Prevention Officer @ $52,126/year)	107,575	121,927	134,967	136,787	149,546
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	136,104	144,487	155,682	150,000	150,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	57,820	58,999	60,494	54,987	58,000
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	41,899	42,399	42,686	41,725	45,000
220-5800	CAPITAL	0		0	0	0
		343,398	367,812	393,829	383,499	402,546
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	39,110	36,480	38,980	41,480	43,980
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES (Building Inspector @ $17,227/year) (Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600/year)	17,208	16,198	16,459	18,406	18,827
241-5200	EXPENSES	2,450	0	325	200	200
		19,658	16,198	16,784	18,606	19,027

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243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $4,080/year)	3,713	3,806	3,882	3,980	4,079
243-5200	EXPENSES	425	201	70	425	200
		4,138	4,007	3,952	4,405	4,279
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Electrical Inspector @ $9,014/year)	8,206	8,411	8,579	8,794	9,014
245-5200	EXPENSES	1,100	217	306	500	300
		9,306	8,628	8,885	9,294	9,314
249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	2,598	1,634	0	1,700	700
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,933	839	858	1,000	2,000
249-5800	CAPITAL	0		0		
		5,531	2,473	858	2,700	2,700
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	2,000	1,853	1,967	2,000	500
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $6,386/year) (Deer Officer @ $2,230/year)	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,405	8,616
292-5200	EXPENSES	2,500	375	21	500	750
		10,700	8,575	8,221	8,905	9,366
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,382/year)	1,258	1,289	1,315	1,348	1,382
294-5200	EXPENSES	15,400	4,098	346	1,800	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	11,200	11,712	16,261	20,000	20,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	2,000	0	678	2,000	2,000
		29,858	17,099	18,600	25,148	25,182
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	21,000	19,000	21,023	19,350	27,628
298-5700	OTHER		4,026	0		
298-5800	CAPITAL	9,300		0		
		30,300	23,026	21,023	19,350	27,628

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299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $12,490	128,560	129,876	162,551	153,585	159,208
299-5700	OTHER	3,000		0		
299-5800	CAPITAL	0	4,818	0		0
		131,560	134,694	162,551	153,585	159,208
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,497,694	1,513,702	1,603,246	1,622,673	1,617,383
	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	4,196,091	4,491,831	5,017,781	5,430,178	5,674,198
	FY07 base $5,674,198 + FY 06 Encumbrance $22,012= $5,696,210					
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	43,227	40,803	65,857	66,285	64,533
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	220,247	222,441	217,467	198,903	212,053
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)	44,708	50,903	50,339	49,440	48,653
		308,182	314,147	333,663	314,628	325,239
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	4,504,273	4,805,978	5,351,444	5,744,806	5,999,437
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	58,406	63,980	55,489	46,517	37,530
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	4,562,679	4,869,958	5,406,933	5,791,323	6,036,967
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	363,155	379,630	384,147	402,678	409,052
	(DPW Director @ $72,500/yr.)					
	(Foreman @ $26.31/hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity)					
	Foreman shared w/water dept.					
	(Other Wages @ $18.79-$22.08/hour)					
422-5200	EXPENSES	32,000	34,800	33,623	29,400	31,109
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	50,900	59,124	59,222	60,200	58,500
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	16,800	24,330	23,580	16,800	16,800
422-5800	CAPITAL	55,000	19,551	29,101	15,000	0
		517,855	517,435	529,673	524,078	515,461

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423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	36,050	21,937	44,284	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	54,000	43,613	72,612	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0		
		90,050	65,550	116,896	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	36,211	34,101	33,478	37,300	48,490
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	33,000	35,158	37,501	36,000	40,000
		33,000	35,158	37,501	36,000	40,000
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	300,000	239,000	235,972	241,700	270,700
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $39.46/wk)	1,868	1,620	1,615	2,002	2,052
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	4,728	3,734	2,924	4,000	3,500
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	500	500	465	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	200	120	200	200	200
		7,296	5,974	5,204	6,702	6,252
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	36,590	41,755	43,988	53,050	60,711
		36,590	41,755	43,988	53,050	60,711
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,021,002	938,973	1,002,712	988,880	1,031,664

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	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES	2,120	2,000	2,000	2,170	2,222
	(Inspector of Animals @ $2,102/year)					
	(Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)					
510-5200	EXPENSES	10,500	1,330	1,652	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $50/hr		10,100	9,316	10,500	10,500
510-5700	OTHER	16,430	2,218	300	2,800	300
		29,050	15,648	13,268	18,270	15,822
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES (14 hrs/wk @ $14.71/hr - COA Grant $3,741)	2,600	379	1,360	6,747	6,968
541-5200	EXPENSES	3,930	3,919	7,639	5,000	5,500
		6,530	4,298	8,999	11,747	12,468
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES		29,780	35,027	42,897	43,798
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $14.71/hr)					
	Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $10.51-$14.71/hr.)					
542-5200	EXPENSES			11,202	6,750	8,845
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
			29,780	46,229	49,647	52,643
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	12,624	12,623	13,559	13,966	14,744
		13,624	12,623	13,559	14,966	15,744
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	49,204	62,349	82,055	94,630	96,677

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	CULTURE and RECREATION					
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**					
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
5101	Director (Salary @ $58,224/yr)	55,619	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224
	Assistant Director - not funded in FY06			0	0	0
	Subtotal Administration	55,619	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224
5102	Head Reference (@ $32,144/year)	31,925	28,511	30,712	31,480	32,144
5103	Reference (@ $30,556/year + $100 longevity)	27,819	28,843	29,295	30,026	30,656
5104	Head Childrens (@ $35,050/year + $100 longevity)	31,925	33,101	32,947	34,427	35,150
5105	Childrens (@ $31,665/year)	28,832	27,624	30,255	31,012	31,665
5106	Head of Circulation (@ $35,050/yr + $100 longevity)	31,925	33,101	33,589	34,427	35,150
5107	Administrative Assistant (@ $30,556/year)	27,818	28,843	29,195	29,926	30,556
5108	Technical Services (@ $41,857/year + $400 longevity)	38,111	39,514	40,393	41,392	42,257
	Subtotal Professional	218,355	219,537	226,386	232,690	237,578
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($12.00-$13.57/hr)	74,955	61,402	58,268	58,283	65,980
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $15.16/hr.			18,831	19,302	19,708
	Custodian - 63.5 % of $650 clothing allowance				406	406
	2 Shelvers @ 10 hrs/wk. @ $7.69-$8.24/hr.			5,877	8,645	8,861
	Subtotal Support		61,402	82,976	86,636	94,955
	Total Salaries	348,929	338,606	367,581	375,336	390,757
620-5200	EXPENSES					
5201	Library Books	81,900	85,371	88,000	88,400	92,000
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals	10,000	7,822	7,992	8,000	8,000
5203	Furniture & Equipment	2,000	486	522	0	
5204	Technology	38,000	35,026	35,926	35,526	35,674
5205	General Supplies	13,200	13,877	12,100	13,200	13,265
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel	3,200	1,202	996	1,070	1,070
5207	Programs	3,000	2,732	1,000	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities	65,000	51,480	49,505	58,500	56,000
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds	5,500	12,123	19,402	20,820	20,820
5210	Other	3,000		0	0	
	Total Expenses	224,800	210,119	215,443	226,516	227,829
620-5800	CAPITAL					
				0	0	0
	Total Capital		0	0	0	0
	TOTAL LIBRARY	573,729	548,725	583,024	601,852	618,586

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Budgeted 7/1/05 6/30/06	Recommended 7/1/06 6/30/07
640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,362 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	42,505	45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958
		42,505	45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES	4,000	4,330	0	0	
650-5200	EXPENSES	3,244	2,794	6,254	2,500	3,050
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	0		650	650	650
650-5700	OTHER	0		0		
		7,244	7,124	6,904	3,150	3,700
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	300	0	0	50	50
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	1,008	1,008	1,038	1,064	1,091
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	500	0	0	50	0
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	500	350	325	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	625,786	602,322	653,105	661,085	678,885
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	255,136	250,144	276,119	295,843	308,782
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,300	2,288	2,288	2,530	2,720
		257,436	252,432	278,407	298,373	311,502
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	310,607	324,123	399,835	442,775	527,803
914-5700	UNEMPLOYMENT		7,398	12,266	18,354	0
914-5710	OTHER - BUY-BACK	21,500				0
		332,107	331,521	412,101	461,129	527,803

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Budgeted 7/1/05 6/30/06	Recommended 7/1/06 6/30/07
916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	31,700	23,431	27,198	27,810	29,287
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	75,600	90,631	89,303	123,199	125,799
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance			11,000	11,000	12,650
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000
		76,600	90,631	100,303	135,199	139,449
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	697,843	698,015	818,009	922,511	1,008,041
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	25,000	0	0		
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT		0	0	20,000	110,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER		0	0	10,000	13,000
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Qunit - Debt Exclusion)					40,000
	Subtotal - Principal	135,000	125,000	125,000	155,000	288,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	1,400	0	0		
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	9,383	8,583	7,783	6,983	6,183
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	54,058	51,258	48,458	45,657	42,858
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	14,488	13,688	12,888	12,088	11,288
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)		10,135	9,535	8,935	8,335
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT		0	940	55,368	0
	FY 06 Encumbrance $197,212 - FY07 interest $106,182 = $91,030 interest available to put towards FY08					
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER			1,353	2,520	1,881
710-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)				10,100	14,584
	Subtotal - Interest	79,329	83,664	80,957	141,651	85,129
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	214,329	208,664	205,957	296,651	373,129
	Subtotal General Fund	**9,374,430**	**9,653,260**	**10,954,351**	**11,199,289**	**11,714,941**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2002 6/30/2003	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Budgeted 7/1/05 6/30/06	Recommended 7/1/06 6/30/07
	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	106,918	106,488	107,994	115,952	119,496
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $63,287/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $26.31/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $21.525/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	71,600	79,646	106,240	145,343	97,600
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE		33,993	67,440	17,040	10,180
29-5800	CAPITAL	44,300	38,664	45,629	51,000	97,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	222,818	258,791	327,303	329,335	324,276
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL	90,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST	71,820	58,085	60,085	52,085	49,085
	Subtotal Water Tank	161,820	133,085	135,085	127,085	124,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	384,638	391,876	462,388	456,420	448,361
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**9,759,068**	**10,045,136**	**11,416,739**	**11,655,709**	**12,163,302**

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE 2 AS SHOWN ON RECAP SHEET

	WAGES	2,639,986
	EXPENSES	9,393,316
	CAPITAL	130,000
	TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	**12,163,302**

Swearing in of newly elected Selectman John A. Clemenzi by Town Clerk Frances H. Young.

Learning the voting process early at the Annual Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting activities.

Enjoying the WVIS Luncheon at the Annual Town Meeting.

Moderator Paul Weaver (left) and John Darling, Chair of the Town Hall Police Station Building Committee addressing the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE FOUR Road Work (continued)

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2512
QUORUM: 5% = 126
VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTERS CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FIVE Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $91,082 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006?"

MOTION THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $91,082, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C (G), AND ALSO CONTINGENT UPON THE TOWN OF HAMILTON APPROPRIATING ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE, TO BE ADDED TO THE PORTION OF ARTICLE 2 ALLOCATED FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES FO THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT WHICH IS APPROVED AND FUNDED BY THE TOWN OF WENHAM. THE BALLOT VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THIS APPROPRIATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $91,082 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING WENHAM'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF THE PORTION APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 2, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2006."

Moved by Donald Gallant, Regional School District Member, and seconded by the Regional School Committee, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
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VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY PASSED

ARTICLE SIX CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2007; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee; a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation, and support of community housing.

MOTION (to be treated as four separate motions)

THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE TOWN OF WENHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 THE FOLLOWING SUMS FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1. THE SUM OF $25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROADSIDE PATH ON GRAPEVINE ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE WENHAM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE, THE FUNDS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FY2007 CPA REVENUES.

Moved by Gregory Heppner, Member of the Community Preservation Committee and seconded by the Committee, with the support of the Finance and Advisory Committee

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MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. THE SUM OF $2,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING THE LEVEL OF THE OUTFIELDS OF THE BALL DIAMONDS AT PATTON PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE HAMILTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE FUNDS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FY2007 CPA REVENUES.

Moved by Jamie White, Member of the Community Preservation Committee and seconded by the Committee, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee

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VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. (Taken out of order) THE SUM OF $10,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A BEAUTIFICATION MASTER PLAN PROJECT AT THE PLEASANT POND RECREATION AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE PLEASANT POND ASSOCIATION, THE FUNDS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FY2007 CPA REVENUES.

Moved by Virginia Rogers, Member of the Community Preservation Committee and seconded by the Committee, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee

ARTICLE SIX CPA Appropriations (continued)

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2512
QUORUM: 5% = 126
VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY APPROVED

3. (Taken out of order) THE SUM OF $157,784 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING DEBT SERVICE FOR FY2007 ON THE $2,151,421 SUPPLEMENTAL BORROWING UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44 AND 44B FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE 152 YEAR OLD WENHAM TOWN HALL BUILDING AT 138 MAIN STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE WENHAM TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE FUNDS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FY2007 CPA REVENUES.

Moved and seconded by the Community Preservation Committee, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2512
QUORUM: 5% = 126
VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY APPROVED WITH SOME OPPOSITION

ARTICLE SEVEN Town Hall/Police Station Project: Additional Funding Request

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation for the cost of the Town Hall renovation and the new Police Station project, approved under Article 7 of the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, Article 1 of the October 19, 2004, Special Town Meeting, and Article 7 of the October 5, 2005, Special Town Meeting by an amount to be recommended by the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee for costs for the rehabilitation of the historic Town Hall, and to increase the authorized borrowing by a like amount provided that said increase in borrowing shall be excluded from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under the Mass General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (k) said referendum question to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued in order to pay for the rehabilitation of the historic Town Hall portion of the Town Hall and Police Station Project?"

MOTION THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE COST OF THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION AND THE NEW POLICE STATION PROJECT, APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, ARTICLE 1 OF THE OCTOBER 19,2004 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AND ARTICLE 7 OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2005 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BY $2,151,421 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE HISTORIC TOWN HALL, AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BORROWING BY A LIKE AMOUNT, SUCH BORROWING TO BE ISSUED, AS ALSO RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44 AND CHAPTER 44B, SECTION 11, THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH BORROWING TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE, PROVIDED THAT SAID INCREASE

ARTICLE SEVEN Town Hall/Police Station Project: Additional Funding Request (continued)

IN BORROWING SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2½, SO-CALLED, BY THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERALS LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, PARAGRAPH (K) SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM AND 8:00PM, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO-CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL BONDS ISSUED IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE HISTORIC TOWN HALL PORTION OF THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION PROJECT?"

Moved by Thomas Tanous, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, and seconded by the Board of Selectmen, with support of the Finance and Advisory Committee and the Building Committee

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2512
QUORUM: 5% = 126
VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, TELLERS

YES: 226
NO: 6
TOTAL: 232

(154 = 2/3)

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY THE REQUISITE TWO-THIRDS

ARTICLE EIGHT Leveling the Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF $171,545 AND FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $78,311 TO BE USED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO LEVEL THE TAX RATE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007.

Moved by Henry Wieman, Member of the Finance and Advisory Committee, and seconded by the Finance and Advisory Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
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VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE NINE Community Preservation Act Amendment - Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act to exempt from taxes assessed under the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, the portion or portions of real property in the Town of Wenham owned by a

ARTICLE NINE Community Preservation Act Amendment - Legislative Petition (continued)

cooperative corporation and occupied by any of its members as such member's domicile pursuant to a proprietary lease, which special act shall be substantially the same as the special act attached to this warrant as Appendix A.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO ENACT A SPECIAL ACT TO EXEMPT FROM TAXES ASSESSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44B OF THE GENERAL LAWS, THE PORTION OR PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM OWNED BY A COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND OCCUPIED BY ANY OF ITS MEMBERS AS SUCH MEMBER'S DOMICILE PURSUANT TO A PROPRIETARY LEASE, WHICH SPECIAL ACT SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THE SPECIAL ACT ATTACHED TO THE MAY 6, 2006 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AS APPENDIX A.

[APPENDIX A Relative to Cooperative Corporations in the Town of Wenham

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the Town of Wenham, when assessing taxes owed under the Community Preservation Act as defined in Chapter 44B of the General Laws, with respect to real property owned by a cooperative corporation, as defined in section 4 of Chapter 157B, that portion which is occupied by a member pursuant to a proprietary lease as the member's domicile shall be deemed to be real property owned by such member for the purposes of this section, provided, that such portion of the real estate is represented by the member's share or shares of stock in the cooperative corporation and the percentage of such portion to the whole is determined by the percentage of the member's shares to the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including shares owned by the corporation. Such portion of such real property shall be eligible for any exemption provided in the Community Preservation Act if such member meets all requirements for such exemption. Any exemption so provided shall reduce the real estate taxes otherwise owed by the cooperative corporation; provided, however, that the reduction in taxes realized thereby shall be credited by the cooperative corporation against the amount of such taxes otherwise payable by or chargeable to such member. Nothing in this clause shall be construed to affect the tax status of any manufactured home or mobile home under this chapter, but shall apply to the land on which such manufactured home or mobile home is located if all other requirements of this clause are met.

This act shall take effect upon passage.]

By way of explanation, this Community Preservation Act Amendment would make the $100,000 abatement available to each unit, rather than one abatement for the entire cooperative.

Moved by Peter Hersee, Selectman, and seconded by the Board of Selectmen, with support from the Finance and Advisory Committee and Board of Assessors

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
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VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS AND TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ARTICLE TEN Call Fire Fighter Survivor Benefits - Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act which provides that, notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, if any call firefighter of the Town is killed or severly disabled in the line of duty, said firefighter and his/her spouse and children, shall thereupon be deemed an "employee" and "dependents", respectively, within the meaning of said Chapter 32B and shall be eligible to enroll in the Town's group health insurance programs, provided that the Town shall pay the portion of the health insurance premium that it pays for its retired full-time employees at the time of said firefighter's death or disability.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO ENACT A SPECIAL ACT WHICH PROVIDES THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF CHAPTER 32B OF THE GENERAL LAWS OR ANY OTHER GENERAL OR SPECIAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IF ANY CALL FIREFIGHTER OF THE TOWN IS KILLED OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED, AS DEFINED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, IN THE LINE OF DUTY, AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ACT, SAID FIREFIGHTER AND HIS/HER SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, SHALL THEREUPON BE DEEMED AN "EMPLOYEE" AND "DEPENDENTS", RESPECTIVELY, WITHIN THE MEANING OF SAID CHAPTER 32B AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE TOWN'S GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS, PROVIDED THAT THE TOWN SHALL PAY THE PORTION OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM THAT IT PAYS FOR ITS RETIRED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AT THE TIME OF SAID FIREFIGHTER'S DEATH OR PERMANENT DISABILITY.

Moved by Donald Pickard, Selectman, and seconded by the Board of Selectmen, with the finance and Advisory Committee recommending favorable action

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
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VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS AND TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE ELEVEN Cable Television Non-Profit Corporation Authorization

To see if the Town will authorize the creation of a non-profit Local Access Corporation to operate and administer the television production for educational, public and government purposes, as set forth by the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended, and as set forth in the Cable TV Renewal License with Comcast dated February 28, 2005, and any other cable TV Franchise Licenses the Town may issue; and to see if the Town will authorize the execution of any cooperative agreements with the Town of Hamilton required for the administration of a joint cable enterprise, and to authorize the transfer of Cable TV funds received from Comcast from the amounts in which they are held to the non-profit Local Access Cable TV Corporation.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A NON-PROFIT LOCAL ACCESS CORPORATION TO OPERATE AND ADMINISTER THE TELEVISION PRODUCTION FOR EDUCATIONAL, PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT PURPOSES, AS SET FORTH BY THE CABLE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY ACT OF 1984 AS AMENDED, AND AS SET FORTH IN THE CABLE TV RENEWAL LICENSE WITH COMCAST DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2005, AND ANY OTHER CABLE TV FRANCHISE LICENSES THE TOWN MAY ISSUE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

ARTICLE ELEVEN Cable Television Non-Profit Corporation Authorization (continued)

TO EXECUTE ANY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THE TOWN OF HAMILTON REQUIRED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A JOINT CABLE ENTERPRISE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF CABLE TV FUNDS RECEIVED FROM COMCAST AND ANY OTHER CABLE TV PROVIDER FROM THE ACCOUNTS IN WHICH THEY ARE HELD TO THE NON-PROFIT LOCAL CABLE TV CORPORATION.

Moved by Peter Hersee, Member of the Board of Selectmen, and seconded by the Board of Selectmen with the support of the Finance and Advisory Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
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VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY PASSED WITH SMALL OPPOSITION

ARTICLE TWELVE Water Resource Protection (Chapter XIX) - Enforcement and Penalties

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw (Chapter XVIII) and Noncriminal Disposition of Certain Violations Bylaw (Chapter XIX) to establish a new schedule of penalties, not to exceed $300 per violation, for violation of the Water Resources Protection Bylaw, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and its agents to enforce the Bylaw in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D.

MOTION THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MOVES THAT THE TOWN AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS, AS FOLLOWS:

I. BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING SECTION 4B TO CHAPTER XIX:

B. WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW:
IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES PRESCRIBED IN THE WENHAM WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW, SECTION 9, THE PROVISIONS OF SAID BYLAW MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION COORDINATOR, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES BY NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINT. EACH DAY OF THE VIOLATION SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE. NO ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED UNTIL THE ENFORCING OFFICER HAS MAILED, BY CERTIFIED MAIL, OR DELIVERED BY HAND TO THE OFFENDER, A WRITTEN NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND THIRTY DAYS HAVE EXPIRED FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OR DELIVERY AND NO APPEAL HAS BEEN FILED, OR IF ANY APPEAL HAS BEEN FILED, FINAL DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE FAVORABLE TO THE TOWN. THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

OFFENSE	BUFFER ZONE	WETLAND RESOURCE	NONCOMPLIANCE/COC
1ST OFFENSE	WARNING	WARNING	WARNING
2ND OFFENSE	$ 50	$100	$200
3RD OFFENSE	$200	$200	$300
4TH OFFENSE	$300	$300	$300

II. BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH TO THE END OF SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER XVIII:
THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THIS BYLAW, ITS REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS ISSUED THEREUNDER BY ENFORCEMENT ORDERS, VIOLATION NOTICES, NON-CRIMINAL CITATIONS UNDER G.L.CH.40, SECTION 21D, AND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT ACTIONS.

ARTICLE TWELVE Water Resource Protection (Chapter XIX) - Enforcement and Penalties (continued)

Moved by Philip Colarusso, Conservation Commission Member, and seconded by the Conservation Commission with the favorable support of the Finance and Advisory Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2125
QUORUM: 5% = 126
VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY PASSED WITH SCATTERED OPPOSITION

ARTICLE THIRTEEN Board of Health - Mutual Aid Agreement Authorization

To see if the Town of Wenham will, in accordance with G.L.C.40, Section 4A, authorize the Wenham Board of Health, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen, to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units.

MOTION THE WENHAM BOARD OF HEALTH MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WHICH THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN INTER-MUNICIPAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE TOWN AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL UNITS.

Moved by Gerald Donnellan, Member of the Board of Health, and seconded by the Board of Health

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2512
QUORUM: 5% = 126
PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Liquor License Authorization - Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act authorizing the Board of Selectmen to grant four licenses and ten one-day special event licenses for the on premises sale and consumption of all alcoholic beverages in restaurants with a capacity of less than one hundred persons, provided that (a) the sale and consumption of such alcoholic beverages is incidental to the service of a meal; (b) any restaurant holding such license does not contain a lounge or bar; and (c) the holder of any such license complies with such other requirements and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem appropriate.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO ENACT A SPECIAL ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO GRANT FOUR LICENSES TO RESTAURANTS WITH A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED PERSONS AND TEN ONE-DAY

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Liquor License Authorization - Legislative Petition (continued)

SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES FOR THE ON PREMISES SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROVIDED THAT (A) THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF SUCH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN SUCH RESTAUTANTS IS INCIDENTAL TO THE SERVICE OF A MEAL; (B) ANY RESTAUTANT HOLDING SUCH LICENSE DOES NOT CONTAIN A LOUNGE OR BAR; AND (C) THE HOLDER OF ANY SUCH LICENSE COMPLIES WITH SUCH OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE.

Moved by Thomas Tanous, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and seconded by the Board of Selectmen, and with the Finance and Advisory Committee recommending favorable action

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2512
QUORUM: 5% = 126
VOTERS PRESENT: 267

VOTER CARDS AND TELLERS

YES: 132 NO: 43 MOTION DECLARED PASSED

[Chapter 381
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
In the Year Two Thousand and Six

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WENHAM TO GRANT CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK OF THE PREMISES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Wenham may grant 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 12 of said chapter 138 to restaurants having seating capacities of less than 100 and not containing a lounge or bar. The serving of alcoholic beverages by a licensee under this section shall be incidental to the serving of meals. The licenses shall be subject to all of said section 17. Once issued, a license granted under this section shall not be transferred to any other locations and no license shall be re-issued to the same location within 6 months from the date the prior license terminated unless the applicant files a letter in writing from the department of revenue with the local licensing authority indicating the prior licensee's good standing with said department.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Wenham may grant 10 one day special licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 14 of said chapter 138 to restaurants having seating capacities of less than 100 and not containing a lounge or bar. The serving of alcoholic beverages shall be incidental to the serving of meals. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17. Once issued, a license granted under this section shall not be transferred to any other location and no license shall be re-issued to the same location within 6 months from the date the prior license terminated unless the the applicant files a letter in writing from the department of revenue with the local licensing authority indicating the prior licensee's good standing with the department.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 6, 2006 (continued)

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Liquor License Authorization State Approval (continued)

Passed to be enacted by the House of Representatives on December 4, 2006 and signed by the Speaker of the House

Passed to be enacted in the Senate on December 14, 2006 and signed by the President

Signed by Governor Mitt Romney at 2 o'clock and 16 minutes PM on December 16, 2006]

At the conclusion of the vote on Article 14, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the Meeting to the Special Town Election, Thursday, May 11, 2006. The decision was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006
PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL
7AM - 8PM

For the Warrant, please refer to pages 45 to 49.

OVERRIDE FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSE AND DEBT EXCLUSION FOR TOWN HALL REHABILITATION PROJECT

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	546
Regular Ballots cast	532
Absentee Ballots cast	14
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	546

REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Regular Ballots provided	1200
Regular Ballots cast	532
Regular Ballots spoiled	1
Regular Ballots unused	667
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1200

ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Absentee Ballots provided	100
Absentee Ballots cast	14
Absentee Ballots unreturned	2
Absentee Ballots unused	84
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	100

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $91,082 in real and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

YES	434
NO	111
BLANKS	1
TOTAL	546

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006 Debt Exclusion for Rehabilitation of Historic Town Hall (continued)

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued in order to pay for the rehabilitation of the historic Town Hall portion of the Town Hall and Police Station Project?

YES	429
NO	111
BLANKS	6
TOTAL	546

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 6, 2006
DISSOLUTION OF MEETING
MAY 23, 2006

At a regularly posted meeting of the Board of Selectmen,the following met to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting: Selectmen Peter Hersee, John Clemenzi and Thomas Tanous; Moderator Paul Weaver and Town Clerk Frances Young. At 7:35PM, the Moderator re-opened the meeting and handed the floor to Selectman Tanous, who expressed great thanks to the Department of Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department for their fine work during the "Mother's Day Flood". He spoke about the many nights and days of labor, of neighbors helping out, and the willingness, when already exhausted, to keep going back to do even more.

The Moderator then declared that, with the Special Election completed, there being no further business which could legally come before the meeting, he would entertain a motion to dissolve the Meeting. Mr. Tanous so moved and there was a second from the floor. It was unanimously voted to dissolve the 2006 Annual Town Meeting at 7:42PM.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said town on Tuesday, the Twelfth of September, 2006, at seven-thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, and to vote on the ballot question at the Special Town Election on Thursday, the Fourteenth of September, 2006, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM.

ARTICLE ONE Emergency Roadway Repair Funding

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding which occurred in the Town earlier this year, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding; provided (a) that such borrowing shall be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt the principal of and interest on the amount of such borrowing from the Provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under paragraph (k) of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, said referendum question (i) to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2006, at the Buker School in the Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM and (ii) to be in substantially the following form: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to pay for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding in the Town, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding and (b) that such borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state aid received prior to the incurring of such borrowing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for such costs?", or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWO To Act On Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof; one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of August, 2006.

SIGNED: Peter A. Hersee, Thomas Tanous, John A. Clemenzi BOARD OF SELECTMEN

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 29th day of August, 2006, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

SIGNED: Brent Morong, Constable of the Town of Wenham, August 29, 2006

TOWN OF WENHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Emergency Roadway Repair Funding
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

The Special Town Meeting was convened in Perkins Auditorum, Bessie Buker School, at 7:30PM on September 12, 2006.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Peter Hersee, Chairman, John Clemenzi, Thomas Tanous

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Deborah Evans, Stephen Fischer, Thomas Kyrouz, Scott MacKintosh, John Wilhelm (Scott Spearing, absent)

MODERATOR: Paul Weaver

TOWN CLERK: Frances Young

At 7:33PM, voters having checked with the Board of Registrars and received voter cards, Moderator Paul Weaver gave an explanation of the warrant. He emphasized that the final vote would require a two/thirds majority. The requisites for a special town meeting were also met: a Moderator, Town Clerk, return of service from the Constable, and a quorum (2% of total registered voters).

Peter Hersee, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, read the motion and then offered thanks on the behalf of the Town to the Town Administrator and Finance Director, as well as the Topsfield Road group for their work in bringing the motion to the floor.

Representative Brad Hill told the meeting that no FEMA funds would be available because of non-qualification. He then explained that the Massachusetts Highway Department Commissioner came to tour the damaged culverts and, as a consequence, was able to pursuade Federal officials to do the same. It was discovered that three of the culverts would qualify for one hundred percent reimbursement through the Federal Assisted Roadway System.

Representative Hill said that, according to his understanding, eighty percent of the cost of repairing the two non-emergency culverts may be available, the town having two years to apply for such reimbursement.

John Wilhelm, Finance and Advisory Committee Member, spoke to give the unanimous support of the Committee.

Discussion and questions followed from the floor.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE ONE Emergency Roadway Repair Funding

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding which occurred in the Town earlier this year, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding; provided (a) that such borrowing shall be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt the principal of and interest on the amount of such borrowing from the Provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under paragraph (k) of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, said referendum question (i) to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2006, at the Buker School in the Town between the hours of 7:00AM

ARTICLE ONE CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

and 8:00PM and (ii) to be in substantially the following form: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to pay for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding in the Town, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding and (b) that such borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state aid received prior to the incurring of such borrowing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for such costs?"; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION

MOVED THAT $1,829,000 IS APPROPRIATED AND THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $1,829,000 PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44 OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, FOR UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY COSTS RELATED TO RAINSTORM AND RESULTING FLOODING WHICH OCCURRED IN THE TOWN EARLIER THIS YEAR, INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS TO TOWN ROADS, CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SUCH ROADS, RELATED DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS, AND OTHER RELATED REPAIRS, AND COSTS OF THE FIRE, POLICE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS FOR EXTRA PERSONNEL COSTS, EXPENSES AND CONTRACTED SERVICE COSTS RELATED TO SUCH RAINSTORM FLOODING; PROVIDED (A) THAT SUCH BORROWING SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE TOWN VOTING TO EXEMPT THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE BORROWED PURSUANT TO THIS VOTE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2½, SO-CALLED, BY THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (K) OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, SAID REFERENDUM QUESTION (I) TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL IN THE TOWN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM AND 8:00PM AND (II) TO BE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO-CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BOND TO BE ISSUED IN ORDER TO PAY FOR UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY COSTS RELATED TO RAINSTORM AND RESULTING FLOODING IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS TO TOWN ROADS, CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SUCH ROADS, RELATED DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS, AND OTHER RELATED REPAIRS, AND COSTS OF THE FIRE, POLICE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS FOR EXTRA PERSONNEL COSTS, EXPENSES AND CONTRACTED SERVICE COSTS RELATED TO SUCH RAINSTORM AND FLOODING AND (B) THAT SUCH BORROWING SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID PRIOR TO THE INCURRING OF SUCH BORROWING; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT FOR AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID AVAILABLE FOR SUCH COSTS?"

Moved by Peter A. Hersee, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and automatically seconded by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2470
QUORUM: 2% = 50
PRESENT: 135

VOTER CARDS AND TELLERS

YES: 127
NO: 0

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY REQUISITE TWO-THIRDS

ARTICLE TWO To Act on Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

Moderator Weaver asked for and received a motion and a second from the floor to adjourn the Special Town Meeting to the Override Election. 8:22PM

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
Debt Exclusion for Emergency Road Repair
Perkins Auditorium
Bessie Buker School
Thursday, September 14, 2006 7:00PM-8:00PM

BALLOT ACCOUNTING	256
Regular Ballots Cast	247
Absentee Ballots Cast	9
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	256
REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING	
Regular Ballots Supplied	1000
Regular Ballots Cast	247
Regular Ballots Spoiled	2
Provisional Ballots	0
Test Ballots	5
Unused Ballots	746
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGULAR BALLOTS	1000
ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING	
Absentee Ballots Supplied	100
Absentee Ballots Cast	9
Absentee Ballots Rejected	1
Absentee Ballots Spoiled	0
Absentee Ballots Unreturned	4
Test Ballots	5
Unused Ballots	81
TOTAL NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS	100

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION ONE

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to pay for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding in the Town, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related to drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding and (b) that such borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state aid received prior to the incurring of such borrowing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for such costs?

YES	234
NO	22
BLANKS	0
TOTAL	256

DISSOLUTION OF MEETING

At a duly posted meeting of the Wenham Board of Selectmen, Multi-purpose Room, Buker School, 7:37 PM, Moderator Paul Weaver reconvened the September Special Town Meeting.

PRESENT: Town Moderator, Paul Weaver; Town Clerk, Frances Young; Selectmen Peter Hersee, John Clemenzi and Thomas Tanous

Moderator Weaver announced that the Special Town Election being completed and there being no further business to come before the meeting, he would entertain a motion to dissolve the meeting. Selectman Tanous made the motion to dissolve and was seconded by Selectman Clemenzi. The vote was unanimous and the September 12, 2006 Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 7:40PM.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of WENHAM

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

PRECINCT ONE, PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL

on TUESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT FOR THE FIRST ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FOR THE FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS FOR ESSEX COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR ESSEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

WARRANT (continued)

Given under our hands this Fifteenth day of August, 2006.

SIGNED: Peter A. Hersee, Thomas Tanous, John A. Clemenzi
Selectmen of the Town of Wenham

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this seventh day of September, 2006, posted the warrant."

SIGNED: Brent Morong, Constable

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION		579
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST (Democrat and Republican)	565	
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST (Democrat and Republican)	14	
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST		579

REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Regular Ballots Furnished	1899
Regular Ballots Cast	98
Spoiled	3
Provisional Ballots Not Cast	0
Test Ballots	10
Unused Ballots	1788
TOTAL REGULAR REPUBLICAN BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1899
Absentee Ballots Furnished	175
Absentee Ballots Cast	3
Rejected	2
Unreturned	3
Test	5
Unused	162
TOTAL ABSENTEE REPUBLICAN BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	175

DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Regular Ballots Furnished	1200
Regular Ballots Cast	481
Spoiled	6
Provisional Ballots Not Cast	0
Test Ballots	10
Unused Ballots	703
TOTAL REGULAR DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1200

DEMOCRATIC STATE ELECTION BALLOT ACCOUNTING (continued)

Absentee Ballots Furnished	125
Absentee Ballots Cast	11
Rejected	0
Unreturned	5
Test	5
Unused	104
TOTAL ABSENTEE DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	125

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

SENATOR IN CONGRESS (Statewide)

Kenneth G. Chase	33
Kevin P. Scott	42
Doug Bennett	0
Edward M. Kennedy	0
Olly Demacedo	0
Thomas F. Reilly	0
All Others	1
Blanks	22
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98

GOVERNOR (Statewide)

Kerry Healey	81
Christopher F. Gabrieli	0
Christy P. Mihos	0
Deval L. Patrick	0
Thomas F. Reilly	0
All Others	0
Blanks	17
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Statewide)

Reed V. Hillman	70
Andrea C. Silbert	0
Deborah B. Goldberg	0
Timothy P. Murray	0
All Others	0
Blanks	28
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98

ATTORNEY GENERAL (Statewide)

Larry Frisoli	70
Martha Coakley	0
All Others	0
Blanks	28
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

REPUBLICAN PARTY (continued)

SECRETARY OF STATE (Statewide)	
John C. Bonifaz	0
Olly Demacedo	0
William Francis Galvin	0
All Others	1
Blanks	97
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
TREASURER (Statewide)	
Timothy P. Cahill	0
All Others	1
Blanks	97
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
AUDITOR (Statewide)	
A. Joseph Denucci	0
All Others	0
Blanks	98
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Sixth District)	
Richard W. Barton	76
All Others	0
Blanks	22
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)	
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	98
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (First Essex and Middlesex District)	
Bruce E. Tarr	88
All Others	0
Blanks	10
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Fourth Essex District)	
Bradford R. Hill	89
All Others	0
Blanks	9
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Eastern District)	
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	98
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98
CLERK OF COURTS (Essex County)	
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	98
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

REPUBLICAN PARTY (continued)

REGISTER OF DEEDS (Essex Southern District)	
No Nomination	0
All Others	1
Blanks	97
TOTAL VOTES CAST	98

DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

SENATOR IN CONGRESS (Statewide)	
Edward M. Kennedy	374
Doug Bennett	0
Howard L. Carr	0
Kenneth G. Chase	0
Kevin P. Scott	0
All Others	4
Blanks	103
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481

GOVERNOR (Statewide)	
Christopher F. Gabrieli	140
Deval L. Patrick	299
Thomas F. Reilly	40
Kerry Healey	0
All Others	0
Blanks	2
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Statewide)	
Deborah B. Goldberg	144
Timothy P. Murray	142
Andrea C. Silbert	135
All Others	0
Blanks	60
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481

ATTORNEY GENERAL (Statewide)	
Martha Coakley	366
Larry Frisoli	0
Thomas F. Reilly	0
All Others	2
Blanks	113
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481

SECRETARY OF STATE (Statewide)	
William Francis Galvin	319
John Bonifaz	78
All Others	1
Blanks	83
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (continued)

TREASURER (Statewide)	
Timothy P. Cahill	346
John J. Manzi, Jr.	0
All Others	1
Blanks	134
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481
AUDITOR (Statewide)	
A. Joseph Denucci	328
John J. Manzi	0
Rand E. Wilson	0
All Others	1
Blanks	152
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Sixth District)	
John F. Tierney	360
All Others	2
Blanks	119
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481
COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)	
Mary-Ellen Manning	298
All Others	1
Blanks	182
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (First Essex and Middlesex District)	
No Nomination	0
All Others	4
Blanks	477
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Fourth Essex District)	
No Nomination	0
All Others	4
Blanks	477
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481
DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Eastern District)	
Jonathan W. Blodgett	334
All Others	1
Blanks	146
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481
CLERK OF COURTS (Essex County)	
Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr.	315
All Others	1
Blanks	165
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (continued)

REGISTER OF DEEDS (Essex Southern District)

John L. O'Brien, Jr.	318
All Others	1
Blanks	162
TOTAL VOTES CAST	481

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in State Election to vote at:

PRECINCT 1 PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL on TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR FOR THE FIFTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT FOR THE FIRST ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FOR THE FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS FOR THE ESSEX DISTRICT
REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR THE ESSEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

QUESTION 1: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?
SUMMARY
This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a "food store" as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items

QUESTION 1 (continued)

they sell. The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000). No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of the licenses that could be issued under the proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller's premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.

A YES VOTE would create a new category of licenses for food stores to sell wine, and it would allow local licensing authorities to issue such licenses.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning the sale of wine.

QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?
SUMMARY
This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner for the election. The proposed law would repeal an existing requirement that in order to appear on the state primary ballot as a candidate for a political party's nomination for certain offices, a person cannot have been enrolled in any other party during the preceding year. The requirement applies to candidates for nomination for statewide office, representative in Congress, governor's councillor, member of the state Legislature, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, register of deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer. The proposed law would also allow any person to appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for a party's nomination for those offices if the party's state committee gave its written consent. The proposed law would also repeal the existing requirement that in order to be nominated to appear as an unenrolled candidate on the state election ballot, or on any city or town ballot following a primary, a person cannot have been enrolled in any political party, during the 90 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate were nominated by more than one party or political designation, instead of the candidate's name being printed on the ballot once, with the candidate allowed to choose the order in which the party or political designation names appear after the candidate's name would appear multiple times, once for each nomination received. The candidate would decide the order in which the party or political designation nominations would appear, except that all parties would be listed before all political designations. The ballot would allow voters who vote for a candidate nominated by multiple parties or political designations to vote for that candidate under the party or political designation line of their choice.

QUESTION 2. (continued)

If a voter voted for the same candidate for the same office on multiple party or political designation lines, the ballot would remain valid but would be counted as a single vote for the candidate on a line without a party or political designation. If voting technology allowed, voting machines would be required to prevent a voter from voting more than the number of times permitted for any one office.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate received votes under more than one party or political designation, the votes would be combined for purposes of determining whether the candidate had won the election. The total number of votes each candidate received under each party or political designation would be recorded. Election officials would announce and record both the aggregate totals and total by party or political designation.

The proposed law would allow a political party to obtain official recognition if its candidate had obtained at least 3% of the vote for any statewide office at either of the two most recent state elections, instead of at only the most recent state election as under current law.

The proposed law would allow a person nominated as a candidate for any state, city or town office to withdraw his name from nomination within six days after any party's primary election for that office, whether or not the person sought nomination or was nominated in that primary. Any candidate who withdrew from an election could not be listed on the ballot for that election, regardless of whether the candidate received multiple nominations.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow a candidate for public office to be nominated for the same office by more than one political party or political designation at the same election.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning nomination of candidates for public office.

QUESTION 3: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?
SUMMARY
This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child card providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employee labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver child care services.

QUESTION 3. (continued)

An exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal to the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and conditions required changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under the Commission regulations and procedures if certain conditions were met. The Commission could not accept a decertification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertify the exclusive representative.

The proposed law state that activies carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of October, 2006

SIGNED: John A. Clemenzi, Peter A. Hersee, Thomas Tanous
Selectmen of Wenham

Posted at four designated locations in Town as well as Town Hall, Library and Post Office

SIGNED: Brent Morong, Constable October 30, 2006

STATE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS: 2513

TOTAL VOTE	1796
BALLOT BOX REGISTRATION	1780
INSIDE POCKET, COUNTED BY HAND	1
TOUCH SCREEN DISABLED BALLOTS	14
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS	1
TOTAL VOTE	1796

COUNT OF REGULAR BALLOTS

REGULAR BALLOTS FURNISHED	2700
REGULAR BALLOTS CAST	1689
REGULAR BALLOTS SPOILED	12
REGULAR BALLOTS CHALLENGED	0
(PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CAST	1)
(PROVISIONAL BALLOTS NOT CAST	3)
TEST BALLOTS	10
REGULAR BALLOTS UNUSED	989
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	2700

COUNT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FURNISHED	225
ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST	93
ABSENTEE BALLOTS SPOILED	0
ABSENTEE BALLOTS REJECTED	1
ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED TOO LATE	6
ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNRETURNED	9
ABSENTEE BALLOTS VOTED IN PERSON	2
ABSENTEE BALLOT SENT IN DPULICATE/CLERICAL ERROR	1
TEST BALLOTS	10
ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNUSED	103
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	225

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

SENATOR IN CONGRESS (Statewide)	
Edward M. Kennedy (Democrat)	964
Kenneth G. Chase (Republican)	784
All Others	1
Blanks	47
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Statewide)	
Healy, Gov. and Hillman, Lt (Republican)	904
Patrick, Gov. and Murray, Lt. (Democrat)	769
Mihos, Gov. and Sullivan, Lt. (Unenrolled)	75
Ross, Gov. and Robinson, Lt. (Green-Rainbow)	30
All others	4
Blanks	14
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE CONTINUED

ATTORNEY GENERAL (Statewide)	
Martha Coakley (Democrat)	1045
Larry Frisoli (Republican)	694
All Others	0
Blanks	57
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
SECRETARY OF STATE (Statewide)	
William Francis Galvin (Democrat)	1258
Jill E. Stein (Green-Rainbow)	308
All Others	3
Blanks	227
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
TREASURER (Statewide)	
Timothy P. Cahill (Democrat)	1281
James O'Keefe (Green-Rainbow)	266
All Others	2
Blanks	247
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
AUDITOR (Statewide)	
A. Joseph DeNucci (Democrat)	1184
Rand Wilson (Unenrolled)	303
All Others	2
Blanks	307
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Sixth District)	
John F. Tierney (Democrat)	967
Richard W. Barton (Republican)	783
All Others	0
Blanks	46
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)	
Mary-Ellen Manning (Democrat)	874
Timothy P. Houten (Unenrolled)	607
All Others	0
Blanks	315
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (First Essex and Middlesex District)	
Bruce E. Tarr (Republican)	1509
All Others	8
Blanks	279
TOTAL VOTE CAST	1796
DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Eastern District)	
Jonathan W. Blodgett	1265
All Others	10
Blanks	521
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796

STATE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

CLERK OF COURTS (Essex County)	
Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr. (Democrat)	1228
All Others	9
Blanks	559
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
REGISTER OF DEEDS (Essex Southern District)	
John L. O'Brien (Democrat)	1230
All Others	8
Blanks	558
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Fourth Essex District)	
Bradford R. Hill (Republican)	1502
All Others	9
Blanks	285
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796

QUESTION 1 (Food Stores to Sell Wine)	
Yes	796
No	937
Blanks	63
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796

QUESTION 2 (Provide Voters With More Ballot Choices)	
Yes	532
No	1102
Blanks	162
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796

QUESTION 3 (Family Child Care Providers)	
Yes	652
No	994
Blanks	150
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1796

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 30, 2006

Eastern Bank - Money Market	*$124,338.76*
Eastern Bank - Vendor Account	*$0.00*
Eastern Bank - Payroll Account	*$0.00*
Eastern Bank - Payroll Tax Account	*$0.00*
Eastern Bank - Contigency Acct CD	*$330,000.00*
Eastern Bank - Operating CD	*$1,485,000.00*
Eastern Bank - CPA CD's	*$223,429.73*
Eastern Bank - 40 Maple Contingency Fund	*$51.65*
Eastern Bank - Burley St Contingency Fund	*$324.75*
Eastern Bank - Cable TV Account	*$12.36*
Century Bank - Money Market Acct.	*$86,996.88*
Unibank - Operating Acct	*$64,486.73*
Bank of America - Town Investment Account	*$633,351.17*
Bartholomew - Trust Fund Investment Account	*$1,160,419.76*
Citizen's Bank - Cable TV Acct	*$24,476.60*
Total Bank Balance as of June 30, 2006	***$4,132,888.39***

The Wenham Regimental Band playing at the Cemetary on Memorial Day.

TOWN OF WENHAM
TRUST FUND REPORT
JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

NAME OF FUND	ORIGINAL ENDOWMENT	BALANCE 7/1/2005	INTEREST EARNED	OTHER INCOME	EXPENDED	BALANCE 6/30/2006
Cemetery Flower Funds						
Abbott Fund	200.00	218.04	7.22		2.00	223.26
George Badger Fund	100.00	109.02	3.63		0.50	112.15
Batchelder Fund	400.00	474.83	15.74		5.00	485.57
Becker Fund	1,000.00	1,129.07	37.41		10.00	1,156.48
Lloyd Brooks Fund	200.00	256.95	8.52		3.00	262.47
John D. Cannon Fund	175.00	190.78	6.32		2.00	195.10
Frank Corning Fund	200.00	218.04	7.22		2.00	223.26
D'Ambrosio Fund	200.00	276.54	9.17		0.00	285.71
Elizabeth Dodge Fund	200.00	218.04	7.22		2.00	223.26
Philip Ellwood Dodge Fund	200.00	218.04	7.23		2.00	223.27
Margaret R. Dudley Fund	200.00	218.03	7.23		2.00	223.26
Almont & Eleanor Elwell Fund	200.00	213.28	7.07		2.00	218.35
A & E Cosh Fund	500.00	602.69	19.98		0.00	622.67
Dorothy Pulsifier Fund	500.00	584.29	19.35		0.00	603.64
Mercy Featherstone Fund	425.00	481.41	15.95		5.00	492.36
Goodridge & Larabee Fund	200.00	218.04	7.22		2.00	223.26
Earle E. Johnson Fund	200.00	218.04	7.22		2.00	223.26
Col. Henry F. Kent Fund	200.00	218.03	7.23		2.00	223.26
George Kilham Fund	200.00	218.07	7.22		2.00	223.29
William E. Ludden Fund	200.00	263.46	8.73		3.00	269.19
Walter C. Ober Fund	400.00	497.35	16.48		5.00	508.83
Lena Peck Fund	225.00	283.24	9.37		3.00	289.61
A & M Perkins Fund	200.00	240.22	7.96		3.00	245.18
Edward A. Perkins Fund	200.00	293.71	9.74		4.00	299.45
Ruth D. Perkins Fund	500.00	758.88	25.16		10.00	774.04
John H. Rice Fund	100.00	114.87	3.79		1.00	117.66
Ralph M. Smith Fund	200.00	261.27	109.33		45.00	325.60
Elbridge Stanley Fund	200.00	218.04	7.22		2.00	223.26
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	200.00	271.75	27.94		10.00	289.69
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		189,066.62	6,202.46	5,100.00	222.44	200,146.64
Conservation Fund	0.00	35,912.39	2,440.92			38,353.31
General Cemetery Funds						
David O. Allen Fund	475.00	1,287.42	42.67		11.00	1,319.09
Hattie L. Batchelder Fund	596.68	1,358.33	45.01		11.00	1,392.34
JH & ML Perkins Fund	1,000.00	1,853.93	61.43		39.00	1,876.36
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	1,000.00	1,718.18	38.00		0.00	1,756.18
General Charity Funds						
John K. Dodge Fund	500.00	767.56	24.02			791.58
Mary E. Perkins Fund	3,000.00	3,225.02	105.53			3,330.55
Ralph M. Smith Fund	34,000.00	34,796.24	1,045.88			35,842.12
Elizabeth P. Tilton Fund	3,000.00	3,274.12	107.15			3,381.27
Benjamin F. Young Fund	1,620.00	2,101.81	67.10			2,168.91
Scholarship Fund		0.00	62.01	700.00		762.01
Education Fund		0.00	1,728.18	2,935.00		4,663.18
Elderly and Disabled Fund		0.00	189.49	1,845.00		2,034.49
Library Memorial Funds						
Louise E. Brown Fund	66,108.65	77,109.89	2,555.04		2,054.12	77,610.81
Charles W.& Marjorie Davis Fund	4,780.00	5,418.78	179.70			5,598.48
Judson W. Dodge Fund	500.00	1,331.33	44.12			1,375.45
Edwin P. Hawkins Fund	100.00	421.81	13.98			435.79
Nielson Fund	3,000.00	5,722.62	189.77			5,912.39
Rae Scott Memorial Trust	12,000.00	12,400.25	541.84		937.59	12,004.50
Dorothy Jones Library Fund	42.37	72.99	2.59			75.58
Francis Dolan Library Fund	260.36	439.76	15.57			455.33
Bernice H. Mersereau Library Fund	1,163.64	1,933.47	68.48			2,001.95
Leon W. Bishop Library Fund	1,164.97	1,935.65	52.22		759.17	1,228.70
Dodge Public Library Fund	1,808.95	2,997.95	106.14			3,104.09
John Harnett Jr. Library Fund	2,430.15	4,020.63	142.37			4,163.00
Justin Allen Library Fund	1,164.12	1,936.38	66.63		239.00	1,764.01
John F. & Ann Neary Library Fund	2,776.45	4,133.96	146.39			4,280.35
Priscilla Johnson Library Fund	540.00	705.07	24.97			730.04
Anita Bruyere Library Fund	490.00	810.59	28.72			839.31
Dr. Donald Conwell Library Fund	3,570.00	6,661.87	228.30		499.00	6,391.17
Katlyn MacCready Bird Educ'l Lib Fund	9,248.68	15,529.24	536.90		1,640.99	14,425.15
Marion K. Wilks Library Fund	2,490.00	4,314.35	109.57		1,560.00	2,863.92
James Hompe Memorial Library Fund	940.00	1,640.23	58.08			1,698.31
Percival & Elinor G. Whipple Library Fun	9,490.00	15,753.24	557.85			16,311.09
Newalt Rose A. Richards Mem'l Lib Trust	2,935.00	4,671.47	165.44		1,695.00	3,141.91
Eleanor H. Belton Mem'l Lib Trust	1,100.00	1,584.89	56.12			1,641.01
Elizabeth L. Beckett Mem'l Lib Trust Func	975.00	1,401.62	49.64			1,451.26
Katherine Duffy Lib Trust Fund	65,000.00	65,000.00	2,269.36			67,269.36
Stabilization Fund	0.00	410,847.31	13,624.28			424,471.59
TOTALS	**247,195.02**	**933,640.99**	**34,427.79**	**10,580.00**	**9,799.81**	**968,848.97**
Treasurer Balance	**968,848.97**					
Accountants Balance	**968,848.97**					
DIFFERENCE	**0.00**					

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Wenham, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 16, 2006, on our consideration of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, and schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – general fund and community preservation fund – budgetary basis, located after the notes to the basic financial statements, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Powers + Sullivan

August 16, 2006

Management's Discussion and Analysis

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Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements comprise of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities)* from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities)*. The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, pension benefits, property and liability insurance, employee benefits, interest and state and county charges. The Town's business-type activities related to the water activities.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows of spendable resources,* as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and community preservation fund. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

Proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town maintains one proprietary fund to account for its water activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for propriety funds. The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Memorial Stone at Wenham Lake Route 1A Main Street.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

	Governmental Activities	
	FY06	FY05
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 4,896,637	$ 4,527,271
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	264,384	225,154
Capital assets	5,033,374	4,424,427
Total assets	**10,194,395**	**9,176,852**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	187,844	300,209
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	46,000	125,000
Current debt	1,252,000	752,000
Noncurrent debt	1,400,000	1,525,000
Total liabilities	**2,885,844**	**2,702,209**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	2,381,374	2,697,427
Restricted	1,263,460	841,635
Unrestricted	3,663,717	2,935,581
Total net assets	**7,308,551**	**6,474,643**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	944,215	1,081,976
Operating grants and contributions	325,624	451,121
Capital grants and contributions	182,507	128,719
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes	9,062,693	8,771,172
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	616,729	585,069
Community preservation surcharge	224,179	-
Nonrestricted grants	696,748	434,478
Unrestricted investment income	101,286	50,249
Other revenues	38,629	34,898
Total revenues	**12,192,610**	**11,537,682**
Expenses:		
General Government	933,544	914,698
Public Safety	2,179,073	2,324,768
Education	5,813,821	5,438,933
Public Works	1,139,354	1,235,721
Human Services	105,902	101,100
Culture and Recreation	983,997	971,580
Claims and judgments	-	310,000
Interest	93,375	80,540
State and county charges	109,636	82,538
Total expenses	**11,358,702**	**11,459,878**
Change in net assets	**$ 833,908**	**$ 77,804**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Assets exceeded liabilities by $7.3 million at the close of FY2006.

Net assets of $2.4 million (33%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A restricted portion of the net assets totally $1.3 million (19%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets* totally $3.7 million (48%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets.

The governmental activities net assets increased by $826 thousand during the current fiscal year which is reflects the Town's objective to maintain its financial position, invest in capital assets and to raise sufficient revenues to cover its current expenses.

Business-type Activities. The business type activities net assets increased by $177 thousand during the current fiscal year. The results reflect the town's intention to recover 100% of its costs of operations through rates.

The following table identifies key elements of the enterprise operations:

	Business Type Activities	
	FY06	FY05
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 300,280	$ 218,833
Capital assets	1,325,616	1,317,000
Total assets	**1,625,896**	**1,535,833**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	10,782	29,236
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	21,900	16,000
Current debt	75,000	75,000
Noncurrent debt	1,000,000	1,075,000
Total liabilities	**1,107,682**	**1,195,236**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	250,616	167,000
Unrestricted	267,598	173,597
Total net assets	**518,214**	**340,597**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	551,659	437,066
Expenses:		
Water expenses	322,206	313,678
Interest	51,836	59,834
Total expenses	**374,042**	**373,512**
Change in net assets	**$ 177,617**	**$ 63,554**

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $2.7 million, a decrease of $256 thousand from the prior year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was $781 thousand, while total fund balance was $1.5 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 7% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 13% of that same amount. The General Fund's results of operation resulted in a $77 thousand increase in fund balance.

The Town voted to establish a community preservation fund in FY2006 which is funded by a combination of real estate surcharges to tax payers and a matching grant from the Commonwealth. At the end of the year a positive balance of $220 thousand and a deferred receivable of approximately the same amount from the Commonwealth. As funds accumulate, the Town expects to appropriate funds in accordance with the legislation and the best interest of Wenham.

As more fully described in the notes to the financial statements, the Town is in the process of building a new police station and renovating Town Hall. At June 30th, the fund has a temporary deficit of $180 thousand. This deficit will increase over the next 2 fiscal years until long-term bonds are issued to pay for the entire project.

The Town purchased a new fire truck in FY2006 for $504 thousand and has financed the purchase through temporary debt. This deficit will be eliminated in the future when long-term bonds are issued.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town has adopted an $11.6 million dollar budget for the General Fund. The budget financed through current revenues and prior year reserves. A budget surplus of $662 thousand was achieved for the fiscal year when the actual results are compared to the budgeted amounts.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Outstanding long-term debt of governmental activities, as of June 30, 2006, totaled $1.5 million and bond anticipation notes of $1.1 million. The Water Enterprise Fund has $1.1 of long-term debt outstanding at year end which is fully supported by the rates.

During the fiscal year the Town acquired $1 million in new capital assets. Significant additions were $500 thousand for a fire truck, $75 thousand for work on the Town Hall/Police Station project, $190 thousand for infrastructure, $70 thousand for a brush truck for the fire department and $47 thousand for water assets.

As more fully discussed in the notes to the financial statements, the Town experienced significant damage to it's infrastructure during record rainfall in the spring. The Town estimates the cost to repair the damage will be $2.2 million.

The Town has elected to delay recording general infrastructure assets acquired before June 30, 2002 as allowed by GASB #34. The historical depreciated cost of these assets has not been compiled.

Please refer to the Notes for further discussion of the debt and capital activity.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Director.

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Basic Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2006

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and short-term investments	$ 2,904,169	$ 155,014	$ 3,059,183
Investments	1,074,106	-	1,074,106
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	99,023	-	99,023
Tax liens	22,285	-	22,285
Motor vehicle excise taxes	51,737	-	51,737
Water fees	-	145,266	145,266
Departmental and other	16,934	-	16,934
Intergovernmental	475,394	-	475,394
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	252,989
NONCURRENT:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate tax deferrals	264,384	-	264,384
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	5,033,374	1,325,616	6,358,990
TOTAL ASSETS	10,194,395	1,625,896	11,820,291
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable	68,980	4,611	73,591
Accrued payroll	73,547	2,080	75,627
Accrued interest	5,723	4,091	9,814
Other liabilities	594	-	594
Compensated absences	39,000	-	39,000
Bonds and notes payable	1,252,000	75,000	1,327,000
NONCURRENT:			
Compensated absences	46,000	21,900	67,900
Bonds and notes payable	1,400,000	1,000,000	2,400,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,885,844	1,107,682	3,993,526
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,381,374	250,616	2,631,990
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable	100,442	-	100,442
Nonexpendable	398,118	-	398,118
Other purposes	764,900	-	764,900
Unrestricted	3,663,717	267,598	3,931,315
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$ 7,308,551	$ 518,214	$ 7,826,765

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 933,544	$ 173,178	$ 29,791	$ -	$ (730,575)
Public safety	2,179,073	184,248	181,888	-	(1,812,937)
Education	5,813,821	-	32,000	-	(5,781,821)
Public works	1,139,354	23,738	-	182,507	(933,109)
Human services	105,902	14,850	7,334	-	(83,718)
Culture and recreation	983,997	548,201	74,611	-	(361,185)
Interest	93,375	-	-	-	(93,375)
State and county charges	109,636	-	-	-	(109,636)
Total Governmental Activities	11,358,702	944,215	325,624	182,507	**(9,906,356)**
Business-Type Activities:					
Water	374,042	551,659	-	-	**177,617**
Total Primary Government	$ 11,732,744	$ 1,495,874	$ 325,624	$ 182,507	$ **(9,728,739)**

See notes to basic financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	$ (9,906,356)	$ 177,617	$ (9,728,739)
General revenues:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	9,062,693	-	9,062,693
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	616,729	-	616,729
Community preservation surcharge.....	224,179	-	224,179
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	696,748	-	696,748
Unrestricted investment income.....	101,286	-	101,286
Miscellaneous.....	38,629	-	38,629
Total general revenues and transfers.....	10,740,264	-	10,740,264
Change in net assets.....	833,908	177,617	1,011,525
Net Assets:			
Beginning of year.....	6,474,643	340,597	6,815,240
End of year.....	$ 7,308,551	$ 518,214	$ 7,826,765

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2006

ASSETS	General	Community Preservation	Town Hall and Police Station	New Fire Truck	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and short-term investments	$ 1,584,885	$ 221,794	$ 370,771	$ 53	$ 726,667	$ 2,904,170
Investments	-	-	-	-	1,074,106	1,074,106
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:						
Real estate and personal property taxes	99,023	-	-	-	-	99,023
Real estate tax deferrals	264,384	-	-	-	-	264,384
Tax liens	22,285	-	-	-	-	22,285
Motor vehicle excise taxes	51,737	-	-	-	-	51,737
Departmental and other	14,099	2,835	-	-	-	16,934
Intergovernmental	9,433	221,366	-	-	244,595	475,394
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	-	-	-	252,989
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,298,835	$ 445,995	$ 370,771	$ 53	$ 2,045,368	$ 5,161,022
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES:						
Warrants payable	$ 66,489	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,492	$ 68,981
Accrued payroll	67,189	-	-	-	6,358	73,547
Other liabilities	542	-	-	-	52	594
Deferred revenues	704,555	224,201	-	-	244,595	1,173,351
Notes payable	-	-	550,500	505,000	71,500	1,127,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	838,775	224,201	550,500	505,000	324,997	2,443,473
FUND BALANCES:						
Reserved for:						
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	429,561	-	-	-	-	429,561
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	-	-	398,118	398,118
Unreserved:						
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	249,856	-	-	-	-	249,856
Undesignated, reported in:						
General fund	780,643	-	-	-	-	780,643
Special revenue funds	-	221,794	-	-	1,073,729	1,295,523
Capital projects funds	-	-	(179,729)	(504,947)	148,082	(536,594)
Permanent funds	-	-	-	-	100,442	100,442
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,460,060	221,794	(179,729)	(504,947)	1,720,371	2,717,549
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,298,835	$ 445,995	$ 370,771	$ 53	$ 2,045,368	$ 5,161,022

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Total governmental fund balances		$ 2,717,549
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		5,033,374
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds		1,173,351
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due		(5,723)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		
Bonds and notes payable	(1,525,000)	
Compensated absences	(85,000)	
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities		(1,610,000)
Net assets of governmental activities		$ 7,308,551

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	General	Community Preservation	Town Hall and Police Station	New Fire Truck	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 9,028,748	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 9,028,748
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	593,335	-	-	-	-	593,335
Community preservation surcharge	-	221,344	-	-	-	221,344
Intergovernmental	1,050,953	-	-	-	334,017	1,384,970
Departmental and other	371,977	-	-	-	98,950	470,927
Contributions	-	-	-	-	87,302	87,302
Investment income	67,661	450	-	-	33,175	101,286
Miscellaneous	3,285	-	-	-	8,059	11,344
TOTAL REVENUES	11,115,959	221,794	-	-	561,503	11,899,256
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government	721,725	-	75,594	-	24,331	821,650
Public safety	1,625,278	-	-	504,947	236,501	2,366,726
Education	5,781,821	-	-	-	-	5,781,821
Public works	898,566	-	-	-	185,359	1,083,925
Human services	86,810	-	-	-	5,025	91,835
Culture and recreation	663,190	-	-	-	99,532	762,722
Pension benefits	330,131	-	-	-	-	330,131
Property and liability insurance	117,751	-	-	-	-	117,751
Employee benefits	470,077	-	-	-	-	470,077
State and county charges	109,636	-	-	-	-	109,636
Debt service:						
Principal	125,000	-	-	-	-	125,000
Interest	93,791	-	-	-	-	93,791
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,023,776	-	75,594	504,947	550,748	12,155,065
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	92,183	221,794	(75,594)	(504,947)	10,755	(255,809)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
Operating transfers out	(15,000)	-	-	-	-	(15,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(15,000)	-	-	-	15,000	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	77,183	221,794	(75,594)	(504,947)	25,755	(255,809)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,382,877	-	(104,135)	-	1,694,616	2,973,358
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,460,060	$ 221,794	$ (179,729)	$ (504,947)	$ 1,720,371	$ 2,717,549

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ (255,809)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	963,261	
Depreciation expense	(354,314)	
Net effect of reporting capital assets		608,947
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue		293,354
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
Debt service principal payments		125,000
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Net change in compensated absences accrual	62,000	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt	416	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities and amortizing deferred losses		62,416
Change in net assets of governmental activities		$ 833,908

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2006

		Water Enterprise Fund
ASSETS		
CURRENT:		
Cash and short-term investments	$	155,014
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Water fees		145,266
Total current assets		300,280
NONCURRENT:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		1,325,616
Total noncurrent assets		1,325,616
TOTAL ASSETS		1,625,896
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT:		
Warrants payable		4,611
Accrued payroll		2,080
Accrued interest		4,091
Bonds and notes payable		75,000
Total current liabilities		85,782
NONCURRENT:		
Compensated absences		21,900
Bonds and notes payable		1,000,000
Total noncurrent liabilities		1,021,900
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,107,682
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		250,616
Unrestricted		267,598
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$	518,214

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

		Water Enterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Charges for services	$	546,988
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Cost of services and administration		284,298
Depreciation		37,908
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		322,206
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		224,782
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Interest expense		(51,836)
Other revenues		4,671
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET		(47,165)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		177,617
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		340,597
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$	518,214

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

		Water Enterprise Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers and users	$	523,183
Payments to vendors		(183,441)
Payments to employees		(113,162)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		226,580
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Other revenues		4,671
NET CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		4,671
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(46,524)
Principal payments on bonds and notes		(75,000)
Interest expense		(52,085)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(173,609)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS		57,642
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		97,372
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS AT END OF YEAR	$	155,014
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating income (loss)	$	224,782
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation		37,908
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Water fee receivable		(23,805)
Warrants payable		(18,683)
Accrued payroll		478
Accrued compensated absences		5,900
Total adjustments		1,798
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$	226,580

See notes to basic financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen and an appointed Town Administrator.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. The Town has no Component Units that require inclusion in these basic financial statements.

The Town was a member of the North East Solid Waste Committee (NESWC), a joint venture with 23 communities, organized to represent its members in all matters related to solid waste disposal at a regional waste-to-energy facility located in North Andover, Massachusetts. In accordance with a depository agreement NESWC was granted control over various funds received from contractual communities. As of June 2006, 100% of the remaining debt service was redeemed and no contingent liabilities related to the debt service exists for the member communities. NESWC's ceased operations during fiscal year 2006 and distributed the residual equity balances to the respective member communities.

The Town has an agreement with the Town of Hamilton to operate a Joint Public Library under the direction of a Joint Board of Library Trustees. The Town is the administrator for all matters associated with the management of the Joint Public Library. All revenues and expenditures related to the operation of the Joint Public Library are accounted for in the Town's General Fund. Reimbursements from the Town of Hamilton for their apportioned share of expenditures are recorded as intergovernmental revenue. In fiscal year 2006 operating expenses were approximately $602,000 of which the Town's share was approximately $223,000 and Hamilton's share was approximately $379,000 and reported as intergovernmental revenue.

The Town is a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District that provides educational services to both communities. This joint venture assesses each community its share of operating and debt service costs based on student population and other factors. In fiscal year 2006 Wenham's share of the operating expense was $5,408,000 and its share of the debt service expense was $329,000. There is no equity interest reported in these financial statements. Complete audited financial statements can be obtained directly from the District's administrative office located at 5 School Street, Wenham, MA 01984.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. *Governmental activities*, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The GASB requires separate financial statements be provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental or enterprise fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Internal service funds and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

Real estate and personal property tax revenues are considered available if they within the fiscal year. Investment income is susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and tax revenues become measurable and available when the cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The following major governmental fund is reported:

The *general fund* is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *new fire truck fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of a new fire truck.

The *new police station and town hall renovation fund* is used to account for the construction costs of these capital projects.

The *community preservation fund* is used to account for the proceeds of a surcharge to real estate taxes along with a matching state grant. These funds must be spent in accordance with state law.

The nonmajor governmental funds consist of other special revenue, capital projects and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *nonmajor governmental funds* column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The s*pecial revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

The c*apital projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Enterprise and Trust Funds).

The *permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

For the government-wide financial statements all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or prior to November 30, 1989, are applied, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are carried at fair value.

E. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

Real estate tax liens are processed after the close of the valuation year on delinquent properties and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectibles is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by $25 per $1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Water User Fees

User fees are levied monthly based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Unbilled user fees are estimated at year-end and are recorded as revenue in the current period. Water liens are processed after year end and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill.

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

F. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Such inventories are not material in total to the government-wide financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activity column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market

value at the date of donation. Capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements do not include construction period interest.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of $5,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

Capital assets (excluding land) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

Capital Asset Type	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Land improvements	10-40
Buildings	40
Machinery and equipment	5-50
Infrastructure	10-60

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund in the fiscal year of the purchase.

H. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

I. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transfers between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets.

Fund Financial Statements

Operating transfers between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

J. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents receivables that do not meet the available criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

K. Net Assets and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Assets)

Net assets are reported as restricted when amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use.

Net assets have been "restricted for" the following:

"Permanent funds - expendable" represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.

"Permanent funds - nonexpendable" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

"Other specific purposes" represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Fund balances are reserved for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Fund balances have been "reserved for" the following:

"Encumbrances and continuing appropriations" represents amounts obligated under purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures that are being carried over to the ensuing fiscal year.

"Perpetual permanent funds" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

Fund balances have been "designated for" the following:

"Subsequent year's expenditures" represents amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 2007 operating budget.

L. Long-term debt

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net assets. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

M. Investment Income

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

N. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on collective bargaining agreements, state laws and executive policies.

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities.

O. Post Retirement Benefits

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Town provides health insurance coverage for retired employees and their survivors. The Town recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums in the General Fund in the fiscal year paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, this expenditure totaled approximately $70,000. There were approximately 21 participants eligible to receive benefits at June 30, 2006.

P. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, actual expenditures did not exceed appropriations.

Q. Use of Estimates

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

R. Total Column

Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market accounts, bank deposits and the State Treasurer's investment pool. In addition, there are various restrictions limiting the amount and length of deposits and investments.

The Town maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds, except the Trust Funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash and Short-Term Investments". The deposits and investments of the Trust Funds are held separately from those of other Town funds.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town has not formally adopted a policy for custodial credit risk of deposits. At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled $3,059,193 and the bank balance totaled $3,640,771. Of the bank balance, $463,365 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance and $3,177,406 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Investments

The Town has a total amount of $1,074,106 in Investments. All the investments are in Government Agency Securities.

Interest Rate Risk

The government does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The government has not adopted a formal policy related to Credit Risk. Standard & Poor's Investors Service rated the investments AAA of which $199,970 mature within one year and $874,136 matures between one and five years.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places no limit on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2006, receivables for the governmental funds, in the aggregate, including the applicable allowance for uncollectibles, are as follows:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 99,023	$ -	$ 99,023
Real estate tax deferrals	264,384	-	264,384
Tax liens	22,285	-	22,285
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	65,137	(13,400)	51,737
Departmental and other	16,934	-	16,934
Intergovernmental	475,394	-	475,394
Total	$ 943,157	$ (13,400)	$ 929,757

At June 30, 2006, receivables for the water enterprise consist of the following:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Water fees	$ 145,266	$ -	$ 145,266

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

Receivable and other asset type:	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 99,061	$ -	$ 99,061
Real estate tax deferrals	264,384	-	264,384
Tax liens	22,285	-	22,285
Tax foreclosures	252,989	-	252,989
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	51,737	-	51,737
Departmental and other	14,099	2,835	16,934
Intergovernmental	-	465,961	465,961
Total	$ 704,555	$ 468,796	$ 1,173,351

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 486,681	$ -	$ -	$ 486,681
Construction in progress	307,157	75,594	(30,522)	352,229
Total capital assets not being depreciated	793,838	75,594	(30,522)	838,910
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	2,941,223	30,522	-	2,971,745
Machinery and equipment	2,955,171	702,401	(109,727)	3,547,845
Infrastructure	300,046	185,266	-	485,312
Total capital assets being depreciated	6,196,440	918,189	(109,727)	7,004,902
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(591,900)	(71,586)	-	(663,486)
Machinery and equipment	(1,957,776)	(269,638)	109,727	(2,117,687)
Infrastructure	(16,175)	(13,090)	-	(29,265)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,565,851)	(354,314)	109,727	(2,810,438)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	3,630,589	563,875	-	4,194,464
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 4,424,427	$ 639,469	$ (30,522)	$ 5,033,374

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 17,361	$ -	$ -	$ 17,361
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	633,063	46,524	-	679,587
Infrastructure	837,452	-	-	837,452
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,470,515	46,524	-	1,517,039
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and equipment	(81,759)	(21,827)	-	(103,586)
Infrastructure	(89,117)	(16,081)	-	(105,198)
Total accumulated depreciation	(170,876)	(37,908)	-	(208,784)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,299,639	8,616	-	1,308,255
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 1,317,000	$ 8,616	$ -	$ 1,325,616

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	$ 5,790
Public safety	99,447
Public works	71,926
Culture and recreation	177,151
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 354,314
Business-Type Activities:	
Water	$ 37,908

The Town has elected to delay recording general infrastructure assets acquired before June 30, 2002 as allowed by GASB #34. The historical depreciated cost of these assets has not been compiled.

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the fiscal year the town transferred $15,000 from the General Fund to the Non-Major Fund. The transfer was used to fund social programs in the Special Revenue Fund.

NOTE 6 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

The Town is authorized to borrow on a temporary basis to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue or tax anticipation notes (RANS or TANS).

- Capital project costs and other approved expenditures incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANS) or grant anticipation notes (GANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations of the Town and carry maturity dates that are limited by statute. Interest expenditures for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the General Fund.

At June 30, 2006, the Town had the following short-term debt outstanding:

Fund/Purpose	Type	Rate %	Issue Date	Due Date	Balance at 6/30/2005	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Balance 6/30/2006
Governmental Funds								
Iron Rail Boiler	BAN	3.21%	6/16/2005	6/15/2006	$ 71,500	$ -	$ 71,500	$ -
Iron Rail Boiler	BAN	3.85%	6/16/2006	10/30/2006	-	71,500	-	71,500
Town Hall / Police Station	BAN	3.21%	6/16/2005	6/15/2006	50,500	-	50,500	-
Town Hall / Police Station	BAN	3.85%	6/16/2006	10/30/2006	-	550,500	-	550,500
Quint Fire Truck	BAN	3.21%	6/16/2005	6/15/2006	505,000	-	505,000	-
Quint Fire Truck	BAN	3.85%	6/16/2006	10/30/2006	-	505,000	-	505,000
Total Governmental Funds					$ 627,000	$ 1,127,000	$ 627,000	$ 1,127,000

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

State law permits the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10, to authorize indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of its equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit". In addition, however, a Town may authorize debt in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit".

Details related to the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2006, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Oustanding at June 30, 2005	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2006
Fire Truck.....	4.00 - 6.50	$ 165,000.00	$ -	$ 20,000	$ 145,000
Library.....	4.00 - 5.00	1,015,000.00	-	70,000	945,000
Lease Buyback.....	4.00 - 5.00	270,000.00	-	20,000	250,000
Town Hall/Police Station.....	4.00 - 5.00	200,000.00	-	15,000	185,000
Total Governmental Debt....		$ 1,650,000	$ -	$ 125,000	$ 1,525,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental Bonds payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	$ 125,000	$ 68,661	$ 193,661
2008	125,000	63,659	188,659
2009	125,000	58,661	183,661
2010	125,000	53,536	178,536
2011	125,000	48,286	173,286
2012	125,000	42,911	167,911
2013	125,000	37,288	162,288
2014	125,000	31,539	156,539
2015	100,000	25,726	125,726
2016	95,000	20,975	115,975
2017	85,000	16,415	101,415
2018	85,000	12,250	97,250
2019	80,000	8,000	88,000
2020	80,000	4,000	84,000
Total	$ 1,525,000	$ 491,907	$ 2,016,907

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Enterprise Fund

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2005	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2006
Water Tower	4.00 - 5.00	$ 1,150,000	$ -	$ 75,000	$ 1,075,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for enterprise fund bonds and notes payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	$ 75,000	$ 49,085	$ 124,085
2008	75,000	46,085	121,085
2009	75,000	43,085	118,085
2010	75,000	40,010	115,010
2011	75,000	36,860	111,860
2012	75,000	33,635	108,635
2013	75,000	30,260	105,260
2014	75,000	26,810	101,810
2015	75,000	23,323	98,323
2016	80,000	19,760	99,760
2017	80,000	15,920	95,920
2018	80,000	12,000	92,000
2019	80,000	8,000	88,000
2020	80,000	4,000	84,000
Total	$ 1,075,000	$ 388,833	$ 1,463,833

The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit. At June 30, 2006, the Town had the following authorized and unissued debt:

Purpose	Amount
Town Hall/Police Station	$ 6,608,421
Iron Rail Boiler	72,000
Water Tower	350,000
Fire Truck	505,000
Total	$ 7,535,421

General Long-Term Liabilities

The Town records its liability for long-term bonds and notes in the Government-wide financial statements. Other general long-term obligations recognized by the Town are its obligations for compensated absence benefits (sick and vacation pay). These liabilities will be liquidated in the future from Governmental Funds.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance June 30, 2005	Bonds and Notes Issued	Bonds and Notes Redeemed	Other Net Increase (Decrease)	Balance June 30, 2006	Current Portion
Governmental Activities:						
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	$ 1,650,000	$ -	$ (125,000)	$ -	$ 1,525,000	$ 125,000
Compensated Absences.....	147,000	-	-	(55,000)	92,000	39,000
Total.....	$ 1,797,000	$ -	$ (125,000)	$ (55,000)	$ 1,617,000	$ 164,000
Business-Type Activities:						
Long-Term Bonds and Notes.....	$ 1,150,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ -	$ 1,075,000	$ 75,000
Compensated Absences.....	16,000	-	-	5,900	21,900	-
Total.....	$ 1,166,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ 5,900	$ 1,096,900	$ 75,000

NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The Town contributes to the Essex Regional Contributory Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Essex Regional Retirement Board. Substantially all employees are members of the System. In the past, there were public school teachers and certain administrators who were members of the Commonwealth's Teachers Retirement System, to which the Town did not contribute. Pension benefits and administrative expenses paid by the Teachers Retirement Board are the legal responsibility of the Commonwealth. The amount of these on-behalf payments totaled approximately $32,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, and, accordingly, are reported in the General Fund as Intergovernmental Revenues and Pension Expenditures.

The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. Cost-of-living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth during those years are borne by the Commonwealth. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Board and are borne by the System. The System issues a publicly available financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission. That report may be obtained by contacting the System located at 491 Maple Street, Danvers, Massachusetts, 01923.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System its share of the system-wide actuarial determined contribution which is apportioned among the employers based on active current payroll. The contributions of plan members and the Town are governed by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Town's contributions to the System for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 totaled approximately $296,000, $276,000, and $250,000 respectively, which equaled its required contribution for each fiscal year.

Non-contributory Retirement Allowance - The Town pays the entire retirement allowance for certain retirees who are eligible for non-contributory benefits and are not members of the System. The General Fund expenditure for fiscal year 2006 totaled approximately $2,300.

NOTE 9 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. The Town participates in premium-based health care plans for its employees and retirees. The Town participates in a premium-based workers' compensation insurance plan for its employees.

The amount of settlements has not exceeded the coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

NOTE 10 – CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various legal actions and claims are pending against the Town. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2006, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position of the Town at June 30, 2006.

NOTE 11 – COMMITMENTS

The Town of Wenham has elected to renovate the existing town hall building and to build a new, free-standing police station. The May 6, 2006 Annual Town Meeting recently appropriated $2,151,421 of additional construction funding to be added to previously approved project appropriations of $4,701,000, for a total construction budget of $6,852,421. The original project design envisioned the renovation of the town hall and construction of a new police station, but after project bids returned over budget, the project was redesigned to include the demolition of the historic town hall and the construction of a new, combined town hall and police station building. In 2005 the project failed to receive approval from the Historic District Commission and the design was brought back to town meeting for consideration of requested amendments. At the May 6, 2006 town meeting, the town voters reversed the proposed building consolidation design concept, decided to again proceed with a town hall renovation and new police station building, and then appropriated the additional funds needed to complete the project. The newly configured Town Hall & Police Station Building Committee is now in the final design process and anticipates putting the project out to bid in early September, 2006. Interior town hall demolition was begun in July and is expected to be completed by the end of August, 2006. Upon the successful award of final construction bids, the town anticipates that the building project will be complete by December, 2007.

In early May, 2006, eastern Massachusetts received record rain fall amounts over a 3-4 day period and wide spread flooding occurred throughout the greater Boston metropolitan area. The State of Massachusetts and the Town of Wenham declared states of emergency due to the overwhelming amount of private and public damage incurred. It took Wenham approximately 3 months to fully assess the extent of storm-related, infrastructure damage, which has been estimated at in excess of $2.2 million. Due to three threatened bridge/culvert structures damaged by the spring floods, the Board of Selectmen elected to call an emergency, Special Town Meeting in September, 2006. The purpose of this meeting is to appropriate between $1.4-$2.2 million worth of funding for needed emergency repairs. Damage to town roadways and structures was generally concentrated in the area of the Miles River. The bridge/culvert crossings at Larch Row, Walnut Road, and Grapevine Road were designated as local emergencies and will require replacement prior to the onset of winter, 2006. Additional flood-related

roadway repairs are expected to be undertaken in the summer of 2007. The Town will be working with state and federal officials to determine if additional funding is available for this project.

NOTE 12 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During fiscal year 2006, the following GASB pronouncement was implemented.

The GASB issued Statement #42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries,* which is required to be implemented in Fiscal 2006. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement # 46, *Net Assets Restricted by Legislation an amendment of GASB Statement No. 34.* This Statement clarifies that a legally enforceable enabling legislation restriction is one that a party external to a government—such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary—can compel a government to honor. It requires governments to disclose the portion of total net assets that is restricted by enabling legislation. This statement is required to be implemented in FY2006. This statement did not effect the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement # 47, *Accounting for Termination Benefits.* The Statement provides accounting and reporting guidance for state and local governments that offer benefits such as early retirement incentives or severance to employees that are involuntarily terminated. The Statement requires that similar forms of termination benefits be accounted for in the same manner and is intended to enhance both the consistency of reporting for termination benefits and the comparability of financial statements. This statement is required to be implemented in FY2006. This statement did not effect the basic financial statements.

Other Future GASB Pronouncements:

The GASB issued Statement #43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans,* which is required to be implemented in FY2009. Since there is no legally established separate trust for the postemployment benefit plan this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #45 *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions,* which is required to be implemented in FY2010. Management believes this pronouncement will require additional disclosure and impact the basic financial statements.

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Budgeted Amounts		
	Amounts Carried forward From Prior Year	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ -	$ 9,051,808	$ 9,051,808
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	-	577,312	577,312
Intergovernmental	-	1,038,182	1,038,182
Departmental and other	-	347,748	347,748
Investment income	-	29,622	29,622
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	-	11,044,672	11,044,672
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government	3,238	824,774	754,863
Public safety	6,475	1,629,148	1,663,411
Education	14,048	5,805,371	5,805,371
Public works	10,957	999,837	1,020,837
Human services	-	94,630	97,358
Culture and recreation	2,180	663,265	669,075
Pension benefits	-	298,373	298,373
Property and liability insurance	-	135,199	135,199
Employee benefits	-	488,939	488,939
State and county charges	-	109,911	109,911
Debt service:			
Principal	116,000	271,000	271,000
Interest	144,212	285,863	291,973
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	297,110	11,606,310	11,606,310
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(297,110)	(561,638)	(561,638)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Other amounts to be raised	-	(251,734)	(251,734)
Operating transfers out	-	-	(15,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(251,734)	(266,734)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(297,110)	(813,372)	(828,372)
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	1,194,803	1,194,803	1,194,803
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	$ 897,693	$ 381,431	$ 366,431

See notes to required supplementary information.

Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance To Final Budget
$ 9,033,822	$ -	$ (17,986)
593,335	-	16,023
1,018,953	-	(19,229)
371,977	-	24,229
67,661	-	38,039
240,333	-	240,333
11,326,081	-	281,409
721,725	2,001	31,137
1,625,278	21,986	16,147
5,781,821	22,012	1,538
952,614	32,990	35,233
86,810	385	10,163
663,190	5,114	771
298,131	-	242
117,751	70	17,378
470,077	-	18,862
109,636	-	275
125,000	146,000	-
93,791	197,959	223
11,045,824	428,517	131,969
280,257	(428,517)	413,378
-	-	251,734
(15,000)	-	-
(15,000)	-	251,734
265,257	(428,517)	665,112
1,194,803	-	-
$ 1,460,060	$ (428,517)	$ 665,112

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Budgetary Amounts	Variance To Final Budget
REVENUES:			
Community preservation surcharge	$ 221,366	$ 221,344	$ (22)
Investment income	-	450	450
TOTAL REVENUES	221,366	221,794	428
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Community presevation expenditures	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	221,366	221,794	428
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Other amounts to be raised	(221,366)	-	221,366
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(221,366)	-	221,366
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	221,794	221,794
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	-	-	-
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	$ -	$ 221,794	$ 221,794

See notes to required supplementary information.

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Municipal Law requires the Town to adopt a balanced budget that is approved by the Finance Committee (Committee). The Committee presents an annual budget to the Open Town Meeting, which includes estimates of revenues and other financing sources and recommendations of expenditures and other financing uses. Town Meeting, which has full authority to amend and/or reject the budget or any individual line item, adopts the expenditure budget by majority vote. Increases or decreases subsequent to the approval of the annual budget require a vote at a Special Town Meeting.

The majority of the Town's appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior fiscal year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current fiscal year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent fiscal year's original budget.

Generally, expenditures may not exceed the legal level of spending authorized for an appropriation account. However, the Town is statutorily required to pay debt service, regardless of whether such amounts are appropriated. Additionally, expenditures for disasters, natural or otherwise, and final judgments may exceed the level of spending authorized by majority vote at Town Meeting.

The Town adopts an annual budget for the General Fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original fiscal year 2006 budget for the General Fund includes current year appropriations and other amounts to be raised of approximately $11,561,000 and encumbrances and continuing appropriations from prior fiscal years of approximately $297,000. During the fiscal year the Town approved subsequent appropriations of approximately $15,000.

The Town Accountant has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary control is maintained on an individual line item appropriation account basis. Budgetary control is exercised through the Town's accounting system.

Budgetary - GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Commonwealth)) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting. A reconciliation of budgetary basis to GAAP basis results for the General Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, is presented below:

	General Fund
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis.....	$ 265,257
Basis of accounting differences:	
Net change in recording 60-day receipts accrual.....	(11,995)
Net change in recording ATB liability.....	6,900
Net change in recording Investment in NESWC.....	(183,000)
Net change in fund balances - GAAP basis.....	$ 77,162

Wenham Police Department Profile

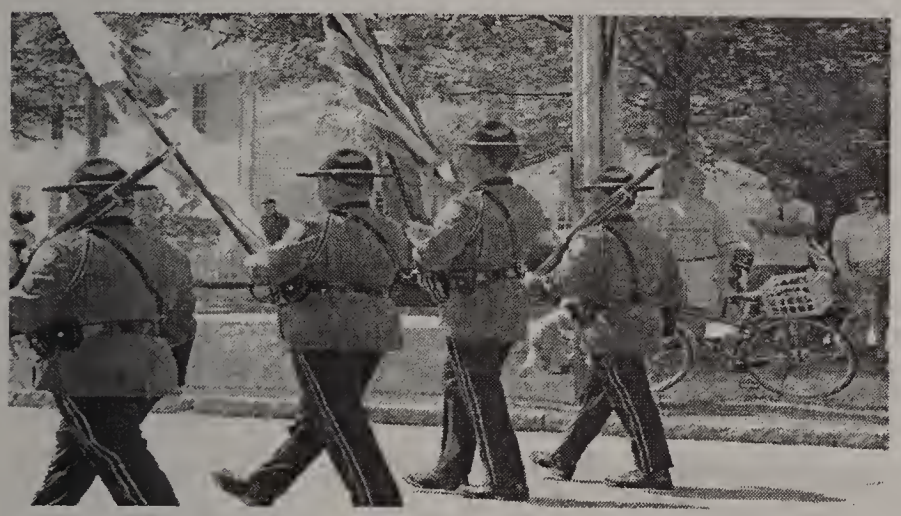
Town Established: 1643
Population Served: 5,129
Sworn Officers: 26
Civilian Personnel: 1
Chief: Kenneth M. Walsh
Headquarters: 140 Main Street
Budget (FY06): $953,701
Rank Structure:
Chief of Police
Lieutenant (1)
Sergeants (2)
Detectives (1)
Patrolman (5) FT and 16 PT)
Vehicles: 5
2006 Calls for Service: 10,966

Office of the Chief of Police

Kenneth M. Walsh, Chief
Susan M. Hersee, Administrative Assistant

Command Staff

Lieutenant Lawrence E. Kavanagh, Executive Officer
Sergeant Thomas C. Perkins, Administrative Commander
Sergeant Jeffrey W. Tobey, Operations Commander
Detective Mark S. Fraser, Criminal Investigations



A Message from Chief Walsh

I herewith submit my second annual report as Chief of Police. The year 2006 was certainly a demanding and active year for the entire Department. I am pleased to report that the members of the Department as always demonstrated a high level of professionalism and commitment to this great town in which we serve. As I write this annual report I look outside my office window and watch the beginning construction of a long awaited and much needed new police facility. I am extremely excited to be part of the Town Hall and new police station project and I am elated for the men and women of the police department that protect you day and night. The officers certainly deserve to be in a facility that will meet the needs of the Department for not only today but also for years to come. The new station will greatly enhance the efficiency of officers by providing the latest in state-of-the-art equipment and will provide for a safe working environment for our employees. I would like to thank all of the individuals that served as members of the building committee and to the voters that made this a reality.

The Department started several new programs this past year that should be of interest to the community. Officer David Doyle was assigned as the Business Liaison Officer, the Department launched its first cable television show "Committed to Serve" and submitted "Safety Matters" as an informative bi-monthly article to the Hamilton/Wenham Chronicle, and we "beefed up" directed patrols in certain areas of town.

We also joined the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), which serves as a great added benefit to our small Department. In minutes we can go from a Department of ten fulltime members to nearly one hundred with one phone call.

The Department also was faced with many challenges. In May we experienced the Mother's Day flood. Multiple roads in the town were affected during the storm. Topsfield Road and Hull Street bore the brunt of the flooding and Topsfield Road was closed down near the Topsfield line. Other streets with significant flooding were Essex Street, Walnut Road, Burley Street, and Larch Row.

The Wenham Fire Department responded to over eighty calls for flooded basements during the week. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was set up at the police and fire department station and two shelters were set up as a result of the storm for voluntary evacuation or possible mandatory evacuation. Gordon College at Chase Hall was opened as a precaution for prolonged shelter and the Buker School was opened for temporary shelter. Throughout the week police patrols checked on residents that were flooded. Fortunately, no injuries were sustained by residents or emergency personnel.

The Fire Department, Highway Department, Police Department, and Emergency Management worked very closely throughout the storm and I cannot say enough about the spirit of cooperation of all town departments, Gordon College, the Red Cross, and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

During the year, Investigators from the Wenham Police Department, State Police assigned to the Essex County District Attorney's Office, officers assigned to the NEMLEC cyber crime unit, and State Police assigned to the Attorney General's Office investigated two cases of enticement of a child over the Internet and arrested two individuals. Studies show that one in five children ages 10 to 17 receive sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet, according to a study by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. I am proud to say that the Wenham Police Department is out in front of this issue in Essex County trying to stop this problem. I credit Safety Officer Jonathan Gray on this project.

Detective Mark Fraser also investigated crimes against the elderly, solved a number of housebreaks, and with the assistance of Lt. Lawrence Kavanagh and Officer Donald Woodbury solved an armed robbery at the Wenham Market. The Department continues to be plagued with car breaks along with other area towns. The Department reminds all residents not to leave valuables in their vehicles, lock their vehicles and leave outside lights on during the night.

In November, Officers Michael Perry and Michael Mscisz responded to the Danvers explosion after Sergeant Jeffrey Tobey made the decision to start into work, notify me of the situation, and call in additional personnel knowing that we would have to cover a

portion of Danvers and assist at the scene. Danvers Police Chief Neil Ouellette called me and advised me that our officers were instrumental in their efforts at the scene. Officers Perry and Mscisz were positioned in the heart of the disaster. I commend all the officers involved for the display of professionalism.

The Department enjoyed an excellent year of training thanks to the efforts of Sergeant Jeffrey Tobey and Officer Chris Machain who coordinated the In-House Training Program. As Chief of the Department it is important that I also stay current on training. I attended monthly meetings of the Essex County Police Chiefs Association and NEMLEC. In addition to maintaining my EMT and Firearms Certification I attended seminars in various law enforcement topics such as, law updates, civil liability, technology, law enforcement and the media, and attended the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police three-day training seminar along with Lt. Kavanagh and Sergeant Tobey.
I also attended the Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Education & Technology Exposition in Boston. This five-day conference is recognized as the world's largest meeting of law enforcement officers. Boston was the host city for the first time. The command staff also attended a portion of the conference.

Officer Michael Msicsz graduated from the Reading Police Academy in May. The Academy is a mandated twenty-two week program. Mike is a valuable asset to the Wenham Police Department and I am pleased to have him on board.

Again, this year, we were fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of Federal and State grants. Through the combined efforts of Officer Don Woodbury and Sergeant Thomas Perkins we received over $30,000.00 in grant money.

The Department purchased a Ford F-150 four-wheel drive pickup truck, which will be utilized as a command vehicle in emergency situations and as a supervisor's vehicle. The vehicle will also be used during inclement weather so we can gain access to unplowed driveways and be able to operate and respond in unsafe road conditions.

Arrests were up significantly in 2006 with the highest arrest totals in the history of the department. Arrests went up primarily because of increases in traffic stops that resulted in arrests for liquor law violations, drugs, and outstanding warrants. I credit the great proactive work of our patrol officers.

Our case clearance rate was outstanding due to the diligence of Court Officer Sergeant Thomas Perkins, Detective Mark Fraser, and the entire staff. When arrests increase at the same time overall crime decreases, it indicates extra effort on the part of the police department, higher case clearances, and generally improved public safety.

Total Calls for Service in Wenham in 2006 - **10,966**
Total Arrests in Wenham in 2006 - **290**

I would like to thank my command staff for doing an outstanding job. In a small town you wear many hats. Lt. Kavanagh, Sergeant Perkins and Sergeant Tobey are responsible

not only with each supervising a shift but also for making sure that the overall operations of the Department are carried out. I can't say enough about the support that I receive from my administrative assistant, Susan Hersee. Without Sue the Wenham Police would not function.

It is also a pleasure to work with the town department heads and all of their staff. I would like to thank Chief Robert Blanchard and all of the members the Fire Department. The Police Department is fortunate to have such a good working relationship with the Fire Department.

As usual I extend my thanks to the Massachusetts State Police and members of the surrounding police departments for all of their assistance throughout the year. I would also like to thank Ann Marie Cullen and her staff at the Hamilton/Wenham Communications Center for all that they do.

I can't say enough about the spirit of cooperation and support from the office of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator and all the staff at Town Hall.
I also want to thank each and every one of the members of the Wenham Police Department. I'm proud of all that you do for the Department and for the community. Most importantly, I would like to thank the community for their continued support.

Sincerely,
Kenneth M. Walsh, Police Chief

Crime & Incident Statistics

	2006	2005	2004
Arrests & Summons Total	290	208	143
Calls For Service	10,966	9,415	7,903
Rape	0	0	1
Robbery	1	1	0
Burglary-Breaking or Entering Total	27	7	7
Larceny-Theft	24	16	15
Assault	12	7	12
Officers Assaulted	0	2	0
Drug Law Violations	21	13	13

Motor Vehicle Theft	1	5	4
Motor Vehicles Recovered	2	5	4
Total Motor Vehicle Stops	1348	1386	1187
Verbal Warnings Motor Vehicle	390	368	150
Citation Warnings Motor Vehicle	248	365	409
Civil Citations Motor Vehicle	467	480	507
Operating Under The Influence Arrests	30	27	25
Arrest & Summons Motor Vehicle	243	173	121
Total of Motor Vehicle Accidents	75	89	93
Number of Fatal Accidents	1	1	0
Medical Aids	175	208	179
911 Calls	391	426	414
Total of Juvenile Cases Handled	17	14	12
Protective Custody's	6	4	5
Domestic Violence Cases Handled	16	14	5
Restraining Orders Sought & or Issued	14	19	5

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Wenham Fire Department continues to be very active and serve many roles for the community.

This year was marked by the arrival of two new vehicles for the Department. In July, the new "Quint" combination pump and ladder truck was delivered by the Sutphen Company. The members of the Department spent many hours of volunteer time to train with this new custom made vehicle. In addition, many members of the Department attended a weekend long Massachusetts Fire Academy sponsored ladder training course. Several training sessions were held on Gordon College property where firefighters drafted large amounts of water to practice with the new pump and ladder. The time spent on training, much of which is unpaid, is very much appreciated. With proceeds from their fundraising efforts, the Wenham Fire Company donated several new tools for this truck.

The Department was also pleased to receive a new brush truck vehicle. This new unit (Ford F350 with dual wheels, four wheel drive, and a skid unit) was acquired through a Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant. The Wenham Fire Company matched a percentage of the grant with a donation of $3,966.00. This vehicle will be used for off-road incidents; it is also equipped with a generator and lighting unit for a variety of emergency situations.

The activity of the Fire Department continues to increase. This past calendar year we responded to a total of 610 incidents. The breakdown of incidents is as follows (in tracking categories established by the National and Massachusetts Incident Reporting system):

Incident Type	Number of incidents	Percent of total calls
Fire	26	4.26
Overpressure/ overheat rupture/ explosion	2	0.32
Rescue; Emergency Medical Services	170	27.86
Hazardous Condition	36	5.90
Service Call	98	16.06
Good intent	63	10.32
False alarm & False calls	129	21.14
Severe weather & natural disaster	84	13.77

Special Incident 2 0.32
Two particular incidents from 2006 will be remembered for many years.

On May 13th, heavy rain and flooding started throughout the North Shore. WFD received the first call for flood assistance at 12:20 p.m. This call began an extended period of twenty-four hour coverage for pumping basements and answering emergency calls. This 24 hour coverage continued until May 18 at 5:00 p.m. Additional calls for flooded basements continued until May 24th. Throughout the nine days, the Department responded to fifty different locations. The members of the call department worked tirelessly throughout the whole storm. They showed their true dedication to the Town. Many took time off from their full time jobs, some worked all day at their full time jobs and stayed up all night working with the Fire Department. Many did not return to their own homes for days at a time. I would like to thank them again for their efforts.

On November 22, Wenham joined other area Departments to assist with a major explosion in Danversport. Wenham's response included engines as well as manpower; a rotating crew assisted Danvers for approximately 24 hours.

The Fire Department was busy this summer with educational programs. Several members of the Department spent a morning at the Wenham Village Improvement Society's playground program. This annual event mixes fire safety education with fun games. The morning ended with the traditional "bubble bath" for all children, delivered through the fire nozzles. In late summer, the Fire Department worked with Gordon College Public Safety to provide fire safety training for the College's residential staff. The college students participated in activities including a "smoke filled" dormitory experience (theatre smoke), demonstrations of sprinkler systems, a stove fire, and fire extinquisher training.

In the area of personnel, six new individuals were appointed to the Department this year. The selection process included written applications, reference checks, and interviews with senior staff. These new appointments replaced several retirements and resignations that had occurred over the past year. The selection committee included: Deputy Chief Stephen Kavanagh, Captains Jeffery Baxter and Daniel Sullivan. These new firefighters were appointed as provisional firefighters in September, and they will be re-evaluated annually. The new fire fighters are:
Gary Blaney, Frank Halpin, James Romeos. Richard Sweeney Jr., Robert Tamilio, and Lornie Thomas.

In April, all of the "Acting" officer positions became permanent appointments by the Selectmen. These included:
Robert Blanchard, Chief; Steven Kavanagh, Deputy Chief; Jeffery Baxter and Daniel Sullivan, Captains.

Having completed my first year as chief, I would like to thank many people for their part in making the transition go smoothly. I appreciate the productive working relationship with many departments: Police, Highway, Emergency Center, Lyons Ambulance, and the Town Hall staff. The Police / Fire administrative assistant, and all of the firefighters have been very professional throughout the transition. I would like to thank all the call officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the Department. They respond twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Their commitment to responding to fire and medical calls helps to keep the cost of public safety down.

Robert A. Blanchard, Chief
Wenham Fire Department

Chief Blanchard addressing the Board of Selectmen.

Town Clerk Franes Young swearing in the new Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Kauvanagh (above) and the new Fire Captains Jeffery Baxter (bottom left) and Daniel Sullivan (bottom center) as spouces and son look on.

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD

As we approach the forty-seventh anniversary of the Hamilton-Wenham Emergency Center, it is a time to look back at accomplishments and forward to set goals for the future. In the late 1950's dial tone was to be introduced to Hamilton and Wenham and the telephone operators would no longer be available to take the police and fire calls. In response, the Selectmen and volunteer Robert Porter had the foresight to hire civilian dispatchers and form a regional dispatch center in 1960. This was a first in the area and is a model most communities have followed.

The Emergency Center in 1960 had paper logs, separate microphone and radios for police and fire frequencies and telephones. If one of those original dispatchers came in today, she would face numerous computer screens that function as the log (computer aided dispatch), page the fire departments, open and close doors and has eight radio frequencies on a single monitor. There was no 9-1-1 in 1960 but today the number is nationwide and the system shows the name and address of the caller. There is a procedure in place that allows the dispatcher to communicate with a caller who is unable to speak and a TTY (teletypewriter) for callers who are deaf and hard of hearing.

The dispatchers of yesterday had on the job training. They did the job, and did it exceptionally well, without the benefit of the technology we have today. Currently we have a five week academy for dispatchers and lots of continuing education classes to keep up with the challenges we face as a society.

Throughout the years of improved technology, the essential job has stayed the same. We are here to serve the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham. The range of calls goes from helping locate a lost dog to sending police and fire to life threatening emergencies. The other constant is the support from the communities to fund the budget so that we have state of the art equipment. One factor that increases each year is the number of calls that are handled by the Emergency Center. In 2006, 26,632 calls were logged.

During the late fall, several meetings were held to discuss establishing a regional operations center for nineteen communities. A report was done by a consulting firm laying out the criteria for such a center. Many questions need to be answered before committing to such a project and the Selectmen will be studying the issues and make recommendations to the towns.

Looking forward to 2007, the Emergency Center will be moving to a new facility. We will have brand new 9-1-1 equipment that will not only give the name and address of the caller but also locate the caller on a map. Approximately $250,000 of equipment is being installed, at no cost to the towns. A training fund has been established by the state and grants are available to each city and town for dispatch training. Everyone will attend training under this grant, during 2007. A title change from dispatcher to Police/Fire Signal Operator is going back to an old title in the Massachusetts statutes.
We invite everyone to visit the Emergency Center and see what we do on a daily basis. We can schedule tours for school and scout groups with an appointment.

Anne Marie Cullen

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is staffed by nine dedicated employees who provide excellent service to the Town of Wenham. Our department's responsibilities include burials and maintenance of the cemetery, the town's buildings, parks and grounds, maintenance of all roadways and sidewalks and the repair and upkeep of all town vehicles. Assistance is also provided to the Water Department when the situation warrants.

The spring was a very busy one cleaning up after the Mother's Day rains which caused damage to the culverts, catch basin drainage systems and downed trees. The crew did a great job preparing the ball fields for opening day and doing a town wide clean-up in time for the Memorial Day Ceremonies.

The summer season was very busy as well. The highway crew had their hands full with identifying drainage problems around town and inspecting culverts for structural damage. We were able to pave Walnut Road, Monument Street and Cherry Street sidewalks using funding under Mass Highway Department Chapter 90 Program. Work on a new walking path continued by installing sidewalks from Iron Rail on Grapevine Road to Larch Row. This was all accomplished while still performing the department's regular duties including continuous mowing of all the parks, cemetery and all town-owned properties and clearing brush along all roadways.

This fall was busy preparing for the Culvert Replacements and the Burnham Road Drainage Projects. To date, Larch Row and Walnut Road are completed. The Grapevine Road Culvert should be completed by mid February. All culverts will have sidewalks which will eventually be tied into our bike path projects. Permanent paving will take place in May 2007. The crew was also able to lime, fertilize and seed all the athletic fields and prepare the parks and cemetery for winter. The leaf pickup was performed without any major weather interruptions allowing the crew to attend to each street at least twice. In addition, we were able to keep up with the clearing of the brush in the brooks and streams.

The winter so far has been very mild with little to no snow. The crew, however, has been busy keeping our roadways safe by sanding and salting due to freezing rains. With these conditions, the department has been able to get caught up with catch basin work, clearing brush and building and vehicle maintenance.

Bill Tyack
Director of Public Works

John Pews, General Foreman
Frank Eldridge, Heavy Equipment Operator
Donald Maidment, Heavy Equipment Operator
Jay Fountain, Heavy Equipment Operator
Shawn Davis, Driver Operator
Bill Wildes, Driver Operator
Lenny Tuneburg Mechanic/Operator
Bob Viel, Mechanic

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

2006 was the second year for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) in Wenham. CPC is composed of nine members; five from standing town committees and four (4) at-large volunteers. Committee membership in 2006 was as follows:

Conservation Commission	Patrick Wilson	Chairman
Historic District Commission	Jennifer Tymann	
Planning Board	Virginia Rogers	
Housing Authority	Marion Linden	
Joint Recreation Committee	Open	
At-Large	Greg Heppner	Vice Chairman
At-Large	Susan Quateman	Secretary
At-Large	Jamie White	
At-Large	Herbert Cheeseman	

The CPC holds bi-monthly meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and notice is placed in town hall and on the town web site as to their time and location.

In 2006 the CPC collected $222,652.70 in funds from the town and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts made a 100% matching grant of $222,652.70. A total of six applications were made in the spring for grants from the CPC. Applications were received from the Wenham Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Pleasant Pond Association, Wenham Housing Authority, Wenham Town Hall renovation, Patton Park Ball Field Improvements and the Wenham Teahouse walkway.

Presentations were made to the CPC by the applicants and the CPC voted to recommend four of them to town meeting for funds. The town meeting approved the use of CPC funds for the following applicants:

Pleasant Pond Improvements	$10,000
Patton Park Ball Field Improvements	$2,000
Wenham Bike Path	$25,000
Excluded debt for Town Hall renovation	$157,784
Total approved	$194,784

The remaining un-appropriated CPC funds are invested in short term certificates of deposit for future use.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

As calendar year 2006 began, the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee was continuing with its efforts to implement the vote of the October 5, 2005 Special Town Meeting that had directed a return to a project similar to the one that had been unsuccessfully bid in 2003 and that was to include the renovation of the existing Town Hall building at 138 Main Street and the construction of a new Police Station. The Police Station was to be built either as an addition to the renovated Town Hall or as a separate building. The Special Town Meeting had not appropriated any new funds for the Project. Significant inflation of construction costs had occurred since 2003 and was continuing. Because of this situation, the Board of Selectmen had asked the Committee not only to make recommendations on the design of the new Project, but also to make recommendations on how the Project should be funded.

Mindful that the passage of time had already resulted in significant increases in construction costs for the Project, the Committee undertook the following tasks with the goal of presenting comprehensive recommendations to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

First, we reviewed the previously bid 2003 plans that provided for a renovated Town Hall with a separate Police Station on the Town Hall lot. Following up on work begun by the Building Committee in 2003, we determined that there were changes in the 2003 plans that could be made to reduce construction costs. These included changes to heating systems, electrical systems and site work. The changes totaled $160,579 and we reduced the project budget by that amount.

Second, again following up on work begun by the Committee in 2003, we determined that the interior demolition of the Town Hall building and the removal of hazardous materials (such as asbestos) in the building should be done early in the redesign process and prior to advertising for bids on the renovation project itself. This demolition work had been included in the 2003 plans as part of the general construction. After the 2003 bids had been rejected because they were too high, the Committee had heard from general bidders that they had been uncertain about the interior condition of the framing of the Town Hall building, and that they had been uncertain about the removal of the hazardous materials. These uncertainties may have led to high bids in 2003.

Our goal in scheduling the interior demolition as a separate contract prior to the general bids was to expose the interior framing and remove the hazardous materials so that by the time general bidders inspected the building to prepare their bids for construction of the renovations, all of those earlier uncertainties would have been removed. We expected that this would result in tighter bids on the final project plans.

Third, the Committee studied numerous alternative approaches to the design and location for a new Police Station. We looked at:

(1) a separate station on the Town Hall site in various locations;

(2) a station attached to a renovated Town Hall; and

(3) a separate station on the site of the existing fire and police station.

The objective of this study was to determine the design that best met the Town's needs and in the most cost effective manner.

Our recommendation was to build a new, separate one story Police Station on a slab foundation on the 140 Main Street site, behind the existing fire and police station, facing Friend Court. The Committee believed that this alternative offered an improvement over the two story, 2003 design that was to be built into the embankment behind Town Hall. The Committee believed that the new design would provide better value for the dollars spent. It offered: (1) an improved interior design for police operations – all operations were on one floor; (2) a better opportunity for future expansion – by the future addition of a second floor, for additional administrative space, if necessary; and (3) improved parking and traffic flow.

As a result of this new design for the Police Station, the Building Committee's recommended plan for the entire Project was to renovate the existing Town Hall building at 138 Main Street in accordance with the 2003 plans, as revised, and to construct the new Police Station behind the existing fire and police station at 140 Main Street.

The Committee developed a proposed draft schedule for this two building Project that called for final design and permitting to be completed in the summer of 2006, for construction of both buildings to begin in the fall of 2006, and for construction to be completed in approximately twelve months.

Fourth, the Committee developed a budget for this recommended two building Project. The Committee worked with an independent cost estimator on the construction and related project costs. Taking into consideration the proposed construction start in the fall of 2006, construction cost inflation since 2003, projected cost inflation into 2007, as well as the cost reductions in the 2003 plans that had already been made, the Committee estimated that it would cost the Town an additional $2,151,421 to complete the Project over and above previous appropriations. We recommended that the additional $2,151,421 be raised through the issuance of an additional bond for the Project.

Fifth, we worked with the Community Preservation Committee to make this additional appropriation and bond eligible for funding under the Community Preservation Act. The amount of $2,151,421 was only a portion of the costs attributable to the Town Hall rehabilitation part of the Project. Because of this, the full amount of the additional bond could be used for the Town Hall rehabilitation.

We proposed that the annual principal and interest on the $2,151,421 bond be paid from the Town's Community Preservation Fund in FY 2007 and in each subsequent year of the twenty year bond repayment period. The average annual principal and interest payment was estimated at approximately $157,000, depending on the final repayment structure and the interest rate at the time of the bond sale.

However, under the unique legal requirements of the Community Preservation Act, the Community Preservation Committee is required to make a separate recommendation in each subsequent year to fund the principal and interest on the additional bond for that year, and Town Meeting must approve that recommendation. Because these separate approvals would be required each year, the Town needed to provide assurance to bond purchasers that the principal and interest would continue to be paid each year no matter what.

So, on recommendation of the Town's bond counsel, and in order to sell the bond, the Committee proposed that the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting approve a debt exclusion under Proposition 2 ½ for the additional bond. Upon approval of the debt exclusion, in any year that Community Preservation Act funds might not be made available to pay the annual principal and interest on the additional bond, then that amount would go on the tax rate for that year.

The May 2006 Annual Town Meeting approved the additional appropriation and the voters subsequently approved the Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion.

During the summer of 2006 the interior demolition of the Town Hall building was completed at a cost of $140,824.00. The work included: (1) removal of all interior finishes and plaster down to the framing; (2) removal of all building systems such as electrical wiring, heating and plumbing systems; and (3) removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos.

During the summer the Committee also worked with the Architect, J. Stewart Roberts Associates, Inc., and completed the design work on the Project. We went through numerous revisions of the plans and several cost estimates in order to arrive at the final design. The final design called for both buildings – the Town Hall and the Police Station – and the related site improvements, to be constructed simultaneously under one construction contract.

During the summer and early fall, the Committee submitted applications for the Project to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, the Historic District Commission, and the Board of Health. We made presentations at hearings before these groups and received the required approvals for the Project.

In accordance with newly enacted statutory requirements for public construction projects, the Committee also solicited proposals for a project management firm to provide services for the remainder of the Project. Diversified Project Management, Inc. was selected to provide these services.

The Committee began advertising for bids for the Project in early October. For purposes of the Invitation for Bids, we broke down the Project into a Base Bid and nine additive Alternates. The Base Bid included only the basic buildings and utilities. The Alternates included remaining elements of the overall project as designed, including such things as site lighting, paving, emergency power and others. We structured the bids in this manner to provide a greater degree of assurance that during a period of continuing construction cost inflation, the Town would be able to award a contract to construct at least the basic buildings included in the Base Bid and then for as many of the Alternates as could be accommodated within the project budget.

General bids for the Project were received on November 8, 2006. For the Base Bid plus all nine Alternates, the bids ranged in price from a low of $5,066,600.00 to a high of $5,769,075.00.

At the Building Committee meeting of November 13, 2006, after completing a satisfactory review of references, the Architect presented its recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Barr, Incorporated, 353 Pomfret Street, Putnam, Connecticut 06260, on the basis of the Base Bid plus Alternates 1 through 9 at a total price as bid of $5,066,600.00.

The Building Committee reviewed the various bids received and agreed with the Architect's recommendation. The Committee also reviewed the project appropriation and the project budget and determined that there were sufficient funds to award the contract in the recommended amount. Funds were also budgeted for the remaining professional services, equipment and contingencies. At its meeting of November 13, 2006 the Committee voted to recommend that the Board of Selectmen award the contract for construction of the Town Hall and Police Station Project to the low bidder, Barr, Incorporated, on the basis of the Base Bid plus Alternates 1 through 9 at the total price as bid of $5,066,600.00.

The Board of Selectmen approved the award of the contract at its meeting of November 14, 2006.

The construction documents were signed on November 28, 2006 and actual construction work began at the site in December. By the end of the year, at the 138 Main Street site the former library addition to the Town Hall building had been demolished and work was beginning on the foundation for the new Town Hall addition. At the 140 Main Street site the area had been cleared and work was beginning on the foundation for the new Police Station.

There were some changes in the membership of the Committee during the year. In June, Thomas Tanous and Stanley Dodge retired from the Committee and Judith LeBlanc joined us shortly thereafter. The Committee then included the following members: Donald Bannon; Todd Brainard; Jeff Chelgren; John Clemenzi; Harriet Davis; James Howard; Judith LeBlanc; David Mehlin; William Nichols; Benjamin Tymann; Kenneth Walsh; Kenneth Whittaker; and John Darling, Chairman.

The Committee held its 141st meeting on December 28, 2006. At year's end, with actual construction finally underway after many years and many meetings, the Committee was looking forward to completion of the Project by the end of 2007.

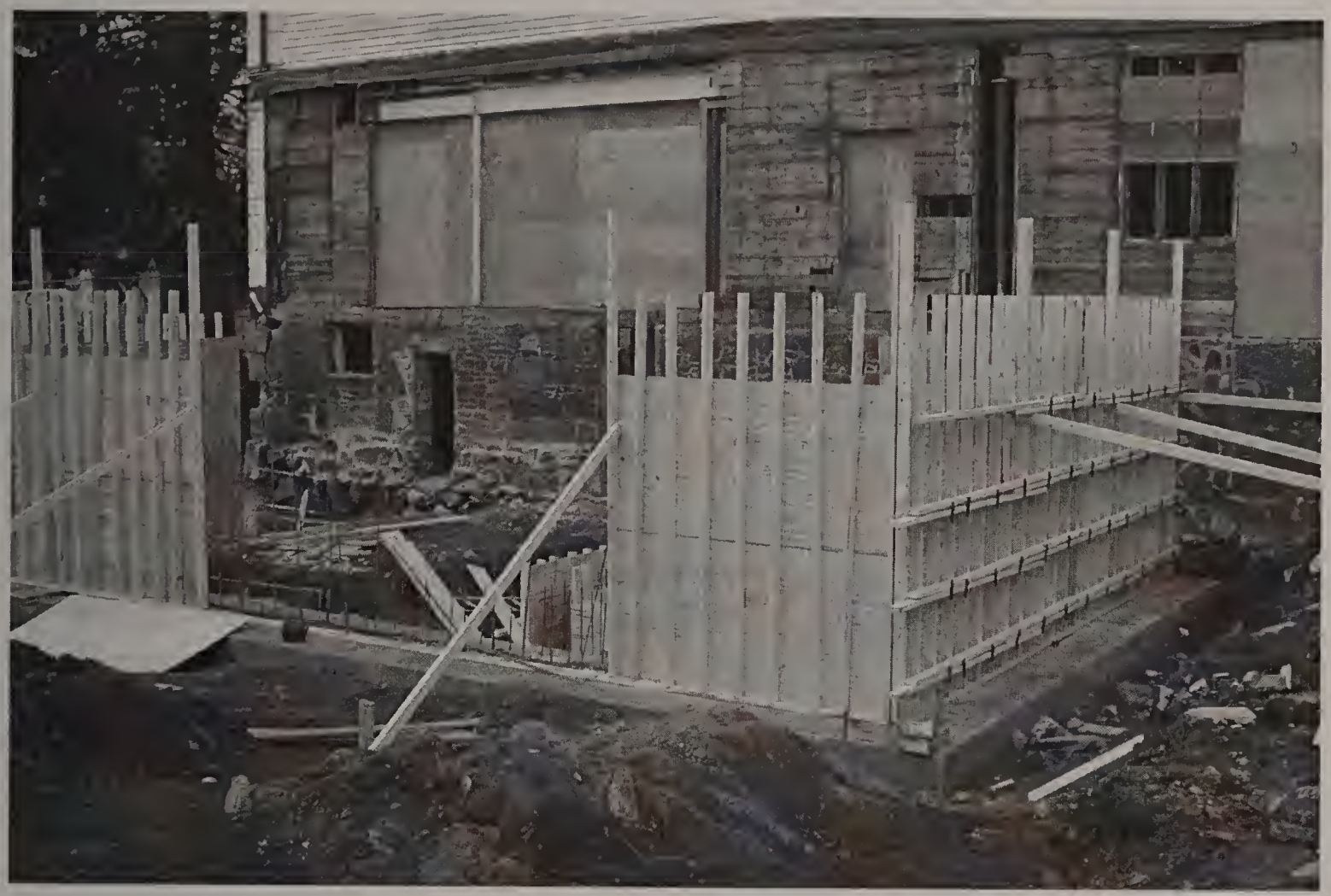
Respectfully submitted,

TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION
BUILDING COMMITTEE

John E. Darling, Chairman

The Town Hall and old Library.

Removing the old Libary.



The new rear entrance from Town Hall rising.

Laying the foundation of the new Police Station.

WENHAM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in 1997 to oversee the planning and development of safe pathways in Wenham, while maintaining the rural character of the town. A Master Plan, completed in 1999, was professionally crafted to conciliate engineering requirements and the rural character of our town. It identifies seven top priority roads: Maple Street, Topsfield Road, Pleasant Street, Larch Row, Grapevine Road, Cedar Street and Walnut Street. There is a committee member for each of the above roads. Maple, Topsfield, Pleasant and Grapevine have been completed. The construction of a path on Larch Row will begin in the spring. It will probably take a few years to complete. The town will be able to access the MBTA and the stores in the Town of Hamilton through Enon Village.

So far this year, we have raised $13,265. In addition, our committee received $25,000 from the Community Preservation Committee for the continuation of the sidewalk on Grapevine Road. If you have any questions, our committee will be happy to answer them.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped or contributed to the improvement of Wenham roadside paths and as always, special thanks to the diligent workers in the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Members: Fanny de Lacvivier, Chairman, Conrad Willeman, Betsy Miller, Tisha Charman, William Charman, Sue Evans, Moira Riccio, Mary Hull, Albert W. Dodge Jr., Patty Cavanaugh, DPW Foreman John Pews and Selectman Peter Hersee.

WENHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Our water quality remains excellent and meets or exceeds all existing standards. The Department regularly monitors the quality of your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. During 2006, we conducted over 600 tests for over 100 substances, including microbial, volatile organic compounds (VOC's), Radionuclides and inorganic compounds (IOC's).

In March, we received the Modified Water Withdrawal Permit from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. This has been the subject of controversy for the past several years. Although water conservation has always been one of our main focuses, we felt that the proposed permit was not based upon science, and tried to impose an inflexible "one size fits all" approach to water conservation rather than taking into account the unique circumstances found in Wenham. We and several neighboring towns in the Ipswich River Basin challenged this ruling in court, but ultimately the DEP restrictions were upheld. We now will have more frequent water bans mandated by DEP (as occurred this past summer) as well as complying with performance standards that restrict how and when we use our water. Although this may represent a change and a challenge for some residents, we will now use our water much more efficiently.

Meter replacement continued in 2006, the third year of a five- to six-year town wide upgrade program. We have implemented the new computer billing program, and have added the ability to remotely read the new meters by computer and download the readings directly to the billing program. This will greatly enhance the reading and billing procedure resulting in increased efficiency and accuracy.

As always, we would like to thank the many town officials and residents who help to keep Wenham Water among the best around.

Richard K. Quateman, Chairman
Benjamin B. Tymann
Richard M. Carnevale

Bruce D. Blanchard, Superintendent

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

	2005	2006
TOTAL WATER PUMPED	120,449,000 (Permitted withdrawal:	111,383,000 142,350,000)
MAXIMUM DAY	773,000	613,000
AVERAGE GALLONS/PERSON/DAY	69.40	62.57
HARDNESS (Calcium)	159.0 mg/l	140.0 mg/l
MILES OF WATER MAIN	27.75	28.15
FIRE HYDRANTS	209	211
WATER SERVICES	1,129	1,156
NEW SERVICES ADDED	6	27
METERED WATER SALES	$506,133.08	$427,130.01
OTHER INCOME	$12,290.00	$64,046.92
TOTAL INCOME	$518,423.08	$491,176.93

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For Fiscal 2007, the total value of assessed real and personal property increased by $4,568.548 or .56% over last year from $818,018,565 to $822,587,113. By comparison, the increase last year was $72,923,963 or 9.8%. The primary reason for the limited growth from 2006 to 2007 is that 2006 was a revaluation year and the existing market began to slow during calendar year 2005. Fiscal year 2007 assessed values are based on a valuation date of January 1, 2006.

The town again benefited from significant "New Growth" of $10,441,772 which added $116,948 to the Levy Limit.

The median, detached single family Wenham residence is now assessed for $546,700; an increase of $2,800 or .52% over last year. The average, detached, single family Wenham residence is now assessed for $652,434; an increase of $18,525 or 2.9% over last year.

The fiscal year 2007 tax rate increased by $0.47 or 4.2% from $11.20 to $11.67 per thousand of assessed valuation. Almost all of property values remained the same as 2006 resulting in an average tax bill increase of $288 from $6,092 to $6,300 per year.

During Fiscal 2006, we received 56 real estate and 4 personal property abatement applications, of which 47 were fully or partially approved for a total abated assessed value of $7,729,276. We also approved the following real estate tax exemptions:

Statute	Number	Amount
Chapter 59, CL 22, 22A, & 22E - Veterans	16	$4,525
Chapter 59, CL 37A – Blind	5	$2,500
Chapter 59, CL 41A – Tax Deferral	9	$35,323.20
Chapter 59, CL 41C – Senior 65 & over	13	$12,000

Four seniors had their taxes reduced by $750 as a result of their participation in the Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program.

This was a more difficult year for us than past years. As a result of Assessor resignations and an expiring term, there were two open Assessor positions in the May 2005 Town elections. One position was filled by the election of one member for a one year term and the third position was filled by the Board of Selectmen appointing the third member to one year term.

We want to again thank the taxpayers of Wenham for their patience in their interactions with us. As everyone knows, this is not an exact science and has been made more difficult with the rapid increases over the recent past to a lessening of sales volume and some prices during 2006.

John O. DeSimone, Chairman
Lawrence D. Swartz
Richard W. Fleming

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 169 building permits were issued this year, including one new single family dwelling and 14 townhouses. A building permit for a new Police Station and renovation of the Town Hall was also issued. The total amount collected in permit fees during the year was $155,640.

A building permit should be obtained for work performed on your building. This insures that the work has been done according to the Mass Building Code and that the contractor has provided the proper licenses and insurance.

CHARLES BRETT
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

A total of 160 permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $7,885.

Plumbing fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per fixture); $30 replacement fixtures (includes 3 fixtures) minimum fee $30.

Gas fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per appliance); minimum fee $30.

KEVIN DASH
Gas & Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A total of 129 electrical permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $33,677.

Permit fees for new construction, additions, and remodeling are $10 for the first $1,000 of estimated building costs as determined by the building inspector and $3 for each additional $1,000.

In order to obtain an electrical permit, the licensed electrician must submit proof of liability insurance, including completed operations coverage, or a signed waiver from the building owner.

ROBERT. B. BROWN, JR.
Electrical Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Wenham Board of Health continued to partner with the thirteen cities and towns that make up the North Shore Coalition for emergency preparedness. The Town of Wenham continues to participate in the North Shore Mosquito Control District. This service continues to monitor the species of mosquito which inhabits the swamps of Wenham and provides the initial warning to the Health Department of any communicable disease transmitted by the mosquito. The Board continues the over site of Title 5, septic upgrade, and new construction. Real estate conveyances have been the driving force in Title 5 inspections and septic upgrades where applicable. The Department of Public Health and the Board of Health continue to monitor confirmed cases of communicable disease. Increases in the cases of both Lyme disease and other tick borne diseases continue to make up the majority of all reportable disease.

Gerald Donnellan, Chairman
Dororthy Dodge Maciejowski
Dr. Miguel Martinez
John Jacobi, Agent

A Wenham scene.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board works to help developers and property owners develop their property in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth and the Rules and Regulations of the Town. We try to maximize aesthetic values, preserve the environment, and protect the value of neighboring and abutting properties.

2006 saw a continuation of the Windover Development at 181 Main Street (formerly the "Dodge Property"). As of this writing the "affordable units" issue has not been resolved and no occupancy permits have been issued although building has been authorized and is well along. A looping water main will service the property and connect Main Street to Porter Street and be a benefit to the whole neighborhood.

In concert with Jeff Chelgren, the Town Administrator, the Planning Board has requested funding to hire a land law attorney to assist the Planning Board in updating the Town Bylaw. This is still "on the table" and we hope to get started on that large project soon. Emergency expenses to the Town in 2006 have pushed the timetable on this back a little.

A small (two-lot) subdivision on Monument Street was approved. Another PWS (cell phone) antenna for T-Mobile was approved for the Gordon College steeple. A subdivision proposal for land off Nelson Avenue in Beverly was withdrawn without approval.

Site Plan Review was granted to Gordon College for its new Olsen Science Center. The new 80,000 sq.ft. L-shaped building will replace Byington Hall and Wood Hall and house the entire Natural Science division. Its locus is on the slope at the back of the main quad and will be hardly noticeable from Grapevine Road. Site work includes a landscaped court with a small amphitheater and walkways and a drive connecting to the perimeter road along Coy Pond. On a related topic, the issue of the exterior lighting and evening use of the athletic complex is not resolved at this time and is awaiting a ZBA site visit in the Spring.

A three-lot subdivision has been proposed for a parcel on Grapevine Road. The land is steep and rocky. A Public Hearing was held in December and the project is in process as we try to see if septic, access, and drainage issues can be satisfactorily addressed.

The Board processed the usual ANR's, land swappings and informal inquiries as residents made small changes to their properties to improve their living conditions. Growth continues to be slow and under control. Wenham continues to be just under its 10% affordables requirement. We continue to loose ground as most houses built are "high end". The Planning Board continues to pursue this elusive goal.

David Geikie, Chairman
Virginia Rogers
Ernest Stan Dodge
Donald Killam
Gretchen Roorbach Wagner

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The report of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Wenham for the year 2006 is submitted herewith. This was a typically busy year for the Board of Zoning Appeals, with petitions submitted for six separate matters, several of which required repeated hearings. All of the petitions were granted.

The first petition was for a special permit for an accessory apartment at 15 William Fairfield Drive. The Board determined that all of the requirements of the Town By-Laws for an accessory apartment were satisfied, and granted the special permit.

The next petition was submitted by Gordon College to request confirmation that the height restrictions were inapplicable to the Olsen Science Center by virtue of the building's educational use. The Board met with representatives of Gordon College to review the proposed structure and its use, and concluded that the height restrictions did not apply.

The next petition was for a variance to build a deck within the 15 foot rear setback requirement at 2 Speakers' Lane. The Board met with the Petitions, reviewed the plans, determined that the requirements for a variance were met, and granted the petition.

The next matter related to a petition requesting that the Board overturn the decision of the building inspector to deny a building permit for an accessory structure at 4 Gussett Road. This petition generated a great deal of interest on the part of the neighbors and abutters, and the Board met on four separate occasions to consider the matter. The Petitioners eventually agreed to reduce the size of the structure, and to modify their lighting and landscaping plans so as to address certain of the concerns expressed by the neighbors and abutters. After a lengthy deliberation, the Board granted the petition with respect to the scaled-down structure.

The final two items to come before the Board related to the construction of the new police station and the renovation to the Town Hall. The Building Committee submitted on behalf of the Town requests for a number of special permits and variances so as to enable the projects to proceed. After reviewing the plans in detail, the Board granted the petitions with respect to both the Town Hall and police station.

This report is hereby submitted on behalf of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

James Westra, Chairman
Anthony M. Feeherry
Timothy D. Mansfield
Francis J. McNamara, III
Jonathan A. Stringer

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commissioners continue to meet one afternoon a month at the Town Garage. Visitors are encouraged to attend our meetings which are posted as to date and time in the office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall.

Signs are in place indicating the entrance of the Iron Rail Cemetery off Rubbly Road, and we encourage all of the townspeople to visit this lovely area. The Commission has put in a road so that visitors can drive in. Burial plots have been pinned, water is available, and landscaping will be ongoing in 2007. We also encourage your comments and suggestions for landscaping, plants and other features. We plan a small area complete with flag pole as a focal point to be ready this year.

Richard Hicks, our Burial Agent, left the Town for other employment, and we are fortunate to have been able to replace him with Jay Fountain who is a town employee from the town garage. He has been trained by John Pews, our Burial agent for many years, and we are enormously pleased with Jay's performance.

Burials this year were seventeen full burials and eleven cremations between the Main Street Cemetery and Iron Rail Cemetery. The maintenance of our two main cemeteries has been ongoing and excellent thanks to the Public Works Department under the direction of William Tyack.

Dorothy Dodge Maciejowski, Chairman
Richard Caves
Dana Bagnell

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The establishment of Conservation Commissions began back in 1957 when the Conservation Commission Act authorized cities and towns to appoint a commission for natural resource protection. The role of the conservation commission expanded greatly after the passage of the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) in 1972. In 1988 the Town of Wenham adopted the Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw which includes regulations, policies and guidelines to govern activities near wetlands, water bodies, and other areas "subject to protection" that are more stringent than the WPA. The Conservation Commissions responsiblities include planning, preservation, stewardship, regulation, recreation, management of agriculture land, education, and coordination.

Any activity proposed within 100 feet of a wetland resource requires review by the Conservation Commission, and most activities require a permit. Based on the local bylaw, septic systems may be located no closer than 100 ft from a wetland, no construction activity may occur closer than 50 ft. from a wetland, and no activity or disturbance of any kind (with the exception of a driveway or utility line) may occur closer than 30 ft. from a wetland. The Water Resources Protection Bylaw and Regulations are available on the Town of Wenham website.

The Town of Wenham consists of approximately 40 to 45 % wetlands, also known as swamps, bogs, and marshes. The Conservation Coordinator is available to help residents make preliminary and cursory determinations on wetland locations and boundaries and to guide residents through the permitting process. Actual delineation of wetland boundaries for permitting purposes, however, must be performed by licensed wetlands professionals. The Conservation Commission urges Wenham residents with any questions pertaining to wetlands to contact the Conservation Coordinator at 978-468-5526 or via email at LHansen@wenhamma.gov .

In 2006 under the state and local wetland laws, the conservation commission took the following actions:

- Granted permits for nine new projects
- Denied one request for a variance
- Amended one construction permit
- Issued thirteen certificates of compliance
- Provided eight determinations of applicability
- Issued two enforcement orders

The Conservation Commission and/or its coordinator made approximately 100 site visits to monitor construction, confirm wetland boundaries, and assist homeowners with the permitting process.

In addition to protecting the town's natural resources, the conservation commission is also charged with the stewardship of certain parcels of open space in the town. A number of these parcels have conservation restrictions governing their use.

The unusual weather this spring flooded many parts of Wenham and made it appear that the amount of wetlands increased this year. Although the flooding was temporary, property damage was extensive. The flooding impacted the wetland mitigation project along Airport Brook near Wenham Lake, causing approximately 90% mortality of the seedlings planted in 2005. The flooding also caused severe damage to Miles River road crossing culverts. The Conservation Commission granted permission to have three culverts replaced along the Miles River (Larch Row, Grapevine Road, and Walnut Road) and additional culverts were replaced at the intersection of Burnham and Topsfield Roads. These projects not only repaired the damage from the flooding, but will hopefully minimize flood damage in the future.

In the current year, the Conservation Commission is undertaking a thorough review of the town's Water Resources Protection Bylaw, with the goal of updating the provisions of the local regulation and enhancing its implementation.

Linda Hansen is the Conservation Coordinator for the Commission. There were no changes in commissioners during the year. The position of Conservation Officer is currently not filled.

The Commission encourages all residents to protect Wenham's natural resources by adhering to the state and local wetlands laws and by conserving water, recycling, and composting organic wastes. The Commission also urges residents to limit their use of fertilizer, weed control and pesticides and reminds residents that use of these substances is strictly regulated near wetlands. For information or guidance on any of these issues, please contact the Conservation Office.

Respectfully submitted,

The Wenham Conservation Commission

Philip Colarusso	Roland Bonnette	Patrick Wilson
Kenneth Whittaker	Leo Maestranzi	(Chairman)
Robert Burnett	Malcolm Reid	

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Wenham Historic District Commission issued 12 Certificates of Appropriateness for modifications to existing buildings, new construction, and signs within the Historic District in 2006. The certificates included:

1. A wooden sign for the first church
2. A new outside lamp and lamppost at 101 Main Street
3. Two new signs for the commercial complex at 162 Main Street
4. The demolition of two garages at the Lakeview Golf Course and the construction of two new garages on the same foundations
5. A new wooden sign for Nazir's Jewelry in the old Hobbs House
6. The demolition of an addition at 184 Main Street and the construction of an exact replica of the addition on the same footprint. Replacement windows for the house were also approved.
7. A new fence along the front of the house at 151 Main Street
8. The demolition of the library building on the rear of the town hall
9. The renovation of the Town Hall including an addition on the rear
10. The construction of a new Police Station behind the Fire Station
11. Modifications to the front door design of the renovated Town Hall
12. New copper gutters for the Wenham Museum.

The Town Hall/Police Station Project

The Historic District Commission worked closely with the Town Hall/Police Station Building Committee during the year as design for the renovated Town Hall and the new Police Station evolved. Two members of the Commission, David Mehlin and Jim Howard served also on the Building Committee. John Darling, chairman of the Building Committee, presented an overview of the proposed plans to the Commission in May. The close cooperation between the Commission and the Building Committee and the frequent sharing of information about the projects led to a smooth approval process culminating in the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for the Town Hall and the Police Station in August. The Commission then worked closely with the Building Committee to approve a proposed modification to the front entranceway design prior to the beginning of construction. The Commission is heartened to see that construction on both the Town Hall renovations and the new Police Station is well underway.

The Boulders Project at 181 Main Street

Windover Development submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a large sign to advertise the new homes they plan to sell at the "Boulders" development at 181 Main Street. The design of the sign was presented to the Commission. The Commission felt that the sign presented was too large, too fancy and too commercial for the Historic District and asked Windover to come up with a new more appropriate design and present it to the Commission. They never did, so there is no sign.

Windover put in place two large boulders one on each side of the entranceway to the project at 181 Main Street. They then submitted an application for a Certificate of

Appropriateness for the Boulders. They presented this application to the Commission contending at the same time that the boulders were landscaping and that the Commission did not have jurisdiction over landscaping features. The Commission contends otherwise. It is the feeling of the Commission that the Historic District by-laws give the Commission jurisdiction over any above ground features such as stone walls. This issue is still unresolved. Windover has been asked to present to the Commission an overall design for the entranceway including lighting and signage. The boulders issue will be addressed at that time in a public hearing.

Commission Membership
The Commission regrets the departure from the Commission in 2006 of Al Klebe, Robbie Corcoran, and Mike Lucy and thanks them for their service. The Commission welcomed three new members in 2006, Lance Robb, Sissy Finn, and Jim Howard.

Jim Howard, Chairman (District Resident)
David Mehlin (Architect)
Jennifer Tymann (Wenham Resident)
Tom Zampell (Wenham Resident)
Tyson Goodridge (Real Estate Broker)
Lanse Robb (District Resident and Real Estate Broker)
Sissi Finn (District Resident)

Wenham Lake Route 1A.

IRON RAIL COMMISSION

The Iron Rail Property consists of approximately 78 acres of mostly undeveloped town-owned property at the intersection of Grapevine Road and Rubbly Road. There is a two and a half story brick mixed use commercial building, a two-story barn used by the local Boy Scouts and the Wenham Town Garage occupying about three acres at the southern end of the property on Grapevine Road. The Hamilton Wenham Youth Soccer Association leases the open fields at the southeast end of the property. The remainder of the property contains several acres of open fields with some swampy area at the northwestern end and a new Wenham Cemetery on 9 acres.

The commercial building, the barn and the fields at Rubbly Road are fully utilized and revenue producing.

The property is managed by the Iron Rail Commission, which consists of five volunteers. After Tara Rand resigned, the chairmanship of the Commission was assumed last year by Albert Dodge. Phil Blanchette of Pleasant Street in Wenham joined the Commission in December.

The tenants of the property are Iron Rail Gymnastics, Provost Personal Training, and an architect in the main building. The barn is used by Boy Scout Troop 28, and the Hamilton Wenham Youth Soccer Association leases the open fields at the southeast end of the property.

During FY06, the electrical system in the main building was upgraded, saving electric cost to the town.

The income from the full tenancy of the property allowed the Commission to turn over $90,000 to the town despite the unusual volume of maintenance and property improvement expenses for the past year.

Further improvements planned for FY07 include electrical improvements following an energy audit by National Grid, extensive insulation of the main building, which will reduce heating costs, and the continuation of the town's sidewalk inside the Iron Rail property starting at Rubbly Road.

William Tyack, the newly appointed Wenham Highway Superintendent, will have oversight of the Iron Rail property. The Iron Rail Commission is very appreciative of his efforts for the property.

Albert Dodge, Chairman
Theodore R. Wadsworth, Secretary
Phil Blanchette
William Hidden, Treasurer
James Perkins

COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Wenham Council on Aging is to provide and advance programs and services to enrich the lives of older adults in the community. The Wenham Council on Aging is a state mandated council. Council members are volunteers. Late 2005, the board lost a valuable member, Jean Marchant, who passed away. In 2006, we also said goodbye to a long time board member Jane Richardson. Jane gave many hours to the board in coordinating trips, which was always a highlight for many seniors. We thank Jane for her time and wish her well in her retirement from the board. We also said goodbye to Barbara Morrell, who resigned from the board. Barbara brought to the board much enthusiasm towards our goal. In 2006, we welcomed Jean Eddy and Roseann Brozenske as full board members. Jean and Roseann joined the board in 2005 as associate members and as positions became available, both Jean and Roseann proved to be valuable members. We also welcomed Susan Carp to the board at Treasurer. Susan brings many good ideas to assist us with our budget.

Following are some of the highlights for the year 2006, proving to be another great year:

The senior van service has proven to be a valuable supplement to the Council on Aging. It is running at near capacity, 5 days a week, and occasional weekend service. In 2006, the van provided over 3,000 trips for Wenham and Hamilton seniors. Most trips include doctor appointments, grocery shopping and hairdresser appointments. A survey was conducted in the summer, with a return rate of over 50%, confirming the service of the van is a most valuable asset to the community.

Monthly newsletters continue to be a big part of senior outreach. The newsletters are mailed to over 800 seniors, in our community. Partial funding for postage was provided by the Friends of the Wenham COA. Another means of reaching out to seniors, a COA web site was set up, with funds received from the First Church Wenham Special Grants and updated on a regular basis with COA activities.

Many great trips including Boston Pops, Foxwoods, Boston Lighthouse tour, the annual ice cream social with an attendance of over 50 seniors, and the annual Wenham Tea House social also had a maxed-out attendance. Our goal for 2007 is to offer more trips/social gatherings in order for seniors to get re-acquainted with their old friends and to make new friends.

Coffee socials continue to run on the first and third Saturday of every month. We have a great line-up of town personnel, to discuss town issues and programs. We average 20-50 attendees each coffee. We were also fortunate to have as guest speakers Sen. Bruce Tarr and Rep. Brad Hill.

The Senior Tax Work Off Abatement Program, which allows Wenham residents over the age of 60 to perform work for the Town of Wenham at a rate equal to minimum wage in order to earn credit towards their property tax bill, had four participants. Under this program, senior residents are allowed to earn up to $750.00 in credit, which is applied to their property tax bill. For more information regarding this program, please contact the Wenham Council on Aging office at 978-468-5529.

The Programs Committee is off to a good start, offering an array of programs for seniors. A Handyman Man program has been started, allowing seniors a way of getting small items fixed at little or no cost to them. The H-W School Administration was kind enough to allow us to use a

room in the basement of their building. The Handymen are Dick Eddy, Peter Hersee, Jim Shute, Ken Butterworth, Bill Hidden, Gene Percival, and Mel Cole. Another program available to the seniors is Shredder Day. Seniors can bring their old paper work into the Senior Center to be shredded at no cost. This assists the senior with recycling and avoiding Identify Theft. The shredder was a donation from a Wenham Senior (anonymously), whom we thank. The Program Committee hopes to make available to seniors beginning in 2007, Movie Matinee. Working with the H-W Public Library, seniors will have an opportunity to watch movies at no cost to them. The COA would like to thank the library for allowing us to use space at the library in order to offer this program, a new program off to a great start is the History Club. This club meets the fourth Thursday of every month at the Senior Center to learn about the history of Wenham. Meetings have included the history of Wenham's street cars, history of the Wenham Fire Department and the history of the Iron Rail Property.

Holiday plants were distributed to over 170 seniors over the age 80. This program continues to be a big hit with our seniors. Special thanks to Jean Eddy who has organized this program the last two years, and thanks also to the team of volunteers who deliver the plants.

The Arts Committee has done an outstanding job in obtaining local artist's work in order to display them at the Senior Center. Local artists can display their work, at the same time, beautifying the Senior Center. The Art Committee consists of Kit Richardson, Doris Suminsby, Luci Lynch and Roseann Brozenske. Also during the year, Sandy Tonnelson donated the services of a local painter in order to spruce up the walls of the building. She continues to work out a plan to move forward with the much needed updates.

In July, the Wenham Selectman approved the name change of the Recreation/American Legion Building to the Wenham Council on Aging Senior Center/American Legion Building. The COA was able to purchase a sign which is proudly standing on the grounds of the building.

A Friend's of the Wenham Council of Aging has been established. Donations to this group are both state and federal tax deductible. During 2006, the Friends held several fundraisers, including a bake sale at the Annual Town Meeting, and a yard sale held in September. We cannot forget the tireless effort Dorothy Woodbury and her family put into the yard sale to make it a huge success. The COA Friends are blessed to have many volunteers who assisted in getting the yard sale organized by sorting the many donated items and who also assisted the day of the yard sale, in the pouring rain. Thank you to everyone.

In December, Sen. Bruce Tarr and Rep. Brad Hill hosted a holiday luncheon for Wenham and Hamilton seniors, with 100 in attendance. The Wenham COA and the Hamilton COA worked together on the final touches, such as the H-W COA Van donating the paper goods, the H-W Garden Club donated table center pieces, deserts were donated by The Wenham Tea House and SeniorCare of Gloucester, and several residents from Wenham and Hamilton volunteered to serve the seniors. A great time was had by all and both COA's hope to make this an annual event.

Wenham COA has also joined TRIAD. TRIAD is a national initiative that began in 1989. TRIAD represents a three-way partnership among a community's senior or retired leaders, its local Chief of Police, the County Sheriff, and the District Attorney. The primary goal is to address crime issues that affect the health and safety of older citizens. There three part TRIAD teams work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly and to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons. We would like to thank Kenneth Walsh, Wenham

Chief of Police, Sergeant Jeff Toby of the Wenham Police, Robert Blanchard, Wenham Fire Chief, Jason Ebacher and Mariellen Fidyrich of the Essex County Sheriff's Department for their continued support and commitment to the Town of Wenham TRIAD Council. In addition to those listed, we would also like to thank the seniors who serve(d) on the council: Sue Bannon, William Hardy, Margaret Scoglio, Barbara Morrell and Ruth Kingsley

General meetings of the Council are held at the Senior Center, the second Tuesdays of the month, at 2:00 PM. The meetings are open to the public and Wenham residents are encouraged to attend.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Chelgren, Wenham Town Administrator; Wenham Selectman; and the many other Wenham citizens for their support and their understanding of the importance of our COA programs.

Council on Aging Board Members:

Jack Hauck, Chair
Richard Eddy, Vice President
Luci Lynch, Recorder
Susan Carp, Treasurer
Merle Welsh
Kit Richardson
Mary Kelly
Jean Eddy
Roseann Brozenske

Associate Board Members

John Suminsby
Nancy Spofford
Marion D'Ambrosio

The COA members at their monthly meeting.

HAMILTON-WENHAM COUNCIL'S ON AGING VAN SERVICE

The Hamilton-Wenham Councils on Aging handicap-accessible van has completed its third highly successful year of operation. Ridership has significantly increased with impressive usage being reported each month.

During the year 2006, we provided over 3,000 rides to Hamilton and Wenham seniors. The van was also used to transport seniors to several trips, including a trip for the Hamilton COA to the Amesbury Playhouse; Wenham Council on Aging Ice Cream Social, Topsfield Fair, and to the polls on election day. Many seniors use the service to go to their medical appointments, which may include rides to Beverly Hospital, Hunt Hospital; Cummings Center and Ipswich. Other rides include non–medical trips to the hairdressers, grocery shopping, church, crafts at Enon Village, banks and train stations.

A survey mailed to all van riders, was done in August 2006; there was an impressive 50% return rate. The survey confirmed what the drivers hear - this invaluable service is a lifeline to them, especially during our long New England winters, when driving can be quite difficult.

During the month of October 2005, we welcomed Jeff Hyde, on a part time basis. Jeff was originally hired in February 2005, as a back up van driver. Jeff's support and enthusian to the van program prompted us to bring Jeff on as the van dispatcher. Jeff works well with the clients and the van drivers alike, offering us his good sense of humor and his relentless hours he devotes to the program, most often on his own free time.

The following Mission Statement is deeply rooted in a philosophy common among and shared by the staff at the COA: "The purpose of the Hamilton-Wenham Van program is to provide transportation services that will not only enrich the lives of our senior population but allow them to maintain a sense of independence as well."

Hamilton-Wenham COA Van Program Advisory Committee

Mimi Fanning, Hamilton COA
Jack Hauck, Wenham COA
Sue Bannon, Wenham, SeniorCare Representative
Ann Minois, Hamilton, SeniorCare Representative
Nancy Spofford, Wenham
Trudy Reid, H-W COA Van Supervisor

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wenham Housing Authority with the assistance of the Executive Director is responsible for the administration of Enon Village; the attractive apartment complex for the elderly/disabled on Larch Lane and the two four-bedroom houses for disabled adults also on Larch Lane. The Housing Authority cooperates with both the WSSH Committee and the Acord Food Pantry to ensure that tenants have access to needed social services.

Eighty-nine residents, some of whom have barrier-free apartments, currently occupy the eighty-four units. Our present waiting list consists of 48 people which is fewer than in previous years and consequently the waiting list is shorter than it has been in the past. There were nine (9) vacancies in 2006. Income eligibility for residency in the Fall of 2006 remained at $46,300 for one person and $52,950 for two persons.

The buildings and grounds at Enon Village are neat and well cared for and the Director has worked closely with the Water Department to reduce water usage over the past year. Timely maintenance, modernization and painting keep the buildings in good condition. In 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved a roofing project in which five of the eleven buildings received new roofs. This project was entirely paid for out of Housing Authority funds. It is expected that in 2007, the remaining buildings will receive new roofs also to be paid out of Authority funds.

Town residents can take pride in the fact that the Housing Authority has had prudent fiscal management over the years. The Housing Authority is largely self-sustaining; it is one of a handful of authorities state-wide that has never received state subsidies for operating expenses. However it has, in the past, received grant money for large projects such as window modernization and the new septic system.

Tenants continue to benefit from the community at Enon Village. Each tenant who desires a garden plot is assigned one. Additionally, plots are available to seniors in Wenham and Hamilton depending on availability. In the last few years several elders from Wenham and Hamilton have raised vegetables and flowers along with the tenants here. The Lunch Program administered by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School continues to be successful. The lunches are open to elders from either Hamilton or Wenham and there are a few residents of each town who participate in the program. This year the Council on Aging and the High School cooperated on a Thanksgiving luncheon and it was well attended by both Enon Village tenants and others in the two communities.

The Tenants have a very active association and are involved in recreational activities as well as fundraising activities such as their Christmas Fair. Proceeds from the Fair have been used for local scholarships and similar charities.

The Council on Aging's van service is well-utilized by the tenants at Enon Village and the number of tenants using the service continues to increase.

Once again, we wish to express our appreciation to the Police, Fire and Highway Departments for their continued concern and support on behalf of the Enon Village residents. Also, we wish to thank the Wenham Post Office for making stamp purchases available at Christmas time right at Enon Village. We'd also like to thank the Wenham Council on Aging and the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library for making life more pleasant at Enon Village. Also, appreciation is given to the Hamilton Wenham Garden Club for their workshops here.

The Board of Commissioners meet at least 10 times per year on the second Tuesday of the month in the community building at Enon Village.

Finally, if anyone is interested in visiting the facilities at Larch Lane or if have any questions, please contact Marian Linden, Executive Director at the Housing Authority at 468-1532 Monday through Thursday.

Marcia Molay, Chair & State Appointee
Elizabeth Armington, Vice Chair
James Stelline, Treasurer
Phyllis Sullivan, Asst. Treasurer
Marion D'Ambrosio, Commissioner

Marian Linden, Exec. Director
Patrick Henry, Maintenance
Raymond Krajeski, Maintenance
Marie DiPietro, Ad. Assistant

WISSH COMMITTEE

The Wenham Issues of Social Service & Housing (WISSH) Committee members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Established to assist Wenham residents who are in need of emergency financial assistance and to promote affordable housing in Wenham, WISSH also acts as a referral agent to help Wenham residents with unmet needs. The Committee meets monthly, except for July and August.

Programs under the guidance of WISSH are as follows:

NORTH SHORE HOME CONSORTIUM: The Town of Wenham receives money annually from the Consortium through HUD (Housing and Urban Development). This money can be used for rehab of a residence, First Time Home Buyer Program, or rental assistance. The WISSH Chairman attends the monthly meeting at the Consortium. Contact Ann Shaw for rehab, First Time Home Buyer program, or rental assistance at (978) 468-3399.

JAMES BRADY CAPITAL REPAIRS FUND: This year, there was one loan granted for home repairs of a residence. An ad-hoc committee met in September 2006 to review the Brady Fund. It was the committee's recommendation to suspend the low-interest home improvement lending program and that the funds be used to promote affordable housing units. At the October WISSH meeting, a motion was made recommending that the Brady Fund only be used for support of affordable housing, which was Mr. Brady's original intent. The motion was carried.

LOCAL INITIATIVE HOUSING: At this time, there are five names on the lottery waiting list in the event a unit becomes available.
Nichole Hagstrom, at the Wenham Town Hall, is the coordinator of the lottery waiting list.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: In 2006, there were 30 requests for emergency financial assistance for Wenham residents. Half of the requests were for home heating fuel and electricity. A financial screening is done to determine eligibility for assistance. Strict confidentiality is always maintained by using a number-coded system to transact the financing. In November, a letter was sent to Wenham residents requesting a contribution to WISSH in order to continue this valuable program for Wenham residents.

Committee Members

Sue Bannon	Susan Harnisch	Margaret Scoglio
Robert Blanchard	Jack Hauck	Ann Shaw
Susan Carp	Donald Killam	Tom Tanous
A. Win Dodge	Donald Luxton	Ken Walsh
	Cal Perkins	

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

This department is charged under Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws with providing services to veterans, their survivors and dependents. Principal workload under state law includes the administration of aid to veterans and dependents. Communities fund this program, which is subsequently 75% reimbursed the following fiscal year by the Commonwealth. This is a need based program and the department is required to conduct periodic comprehensive review of the cases to insure no substantive facts have changed, while working with the veteran to identify alternative or long-term solutions to individual circumstances. During the calendar year no Wenham veterans/widows were on this program. Under state law the department also assists qualified veterans to obtain bonuses, and qualified veterans, widows and parents to obtain state annuities, property tax abatements, and other benefits.

The Veterans' Services program also mandates extensive interaction within the federal community, principally with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents in filing for pensions, service connected injury/illness compensation, dependency indemnity compensation for survivors, VA healthcare enrollment, insurance claims, decedent claims, and many other issues. Federal benefits processed by this department are paid directly to those eligible to receive the assistance or entitlement. The VA sent approximately $240,000 to eligible recipients in Wenham, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately $67,000 dollars paid to or saved by those assisted in Wenham.

Additionally, the department interacts within the federal community to correct military records, obtain needed documentation and insure veterans/dependents receive awards and recognition to which entitled. The VSO provided information, advice or assistance to 20 of the town's 171 *identified* veterans and 4 of the 43 *identified* veterans' widows during 2006. We also provide support and information assistance for National Guard and Reserves called up for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families.

The Director and the Assistant to the Director, Georgia Gadbois, advocate for veterans on issues at the local, state and federal level, interact with elected and appointed officials on issues, and work with local organizations in serving the community. Key state legislation passed in 2006 included an increase in property tax abatements for service-connected disabled veterans, which will be fully reimbursed by the Commonwealth. The department also provided information, assistance and guidance for senior citizens in determining their needs for Medicare D insurance.

The Eastern Essex District is composed of the Towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Rowley, Wenham and West Newbury. A Board of Directors consisting of one selectman (or designee) from each town maintains oversight. (Mr. John Clemenzi is the Wenham member of the Board of Directors.)

Terrance P. Hart
District Director

THE HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council awarded $5,600 in state funds for the year 2006 to local artists and performers in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The 6 member Council strives to select events that will enrich and appeal to all sectors of the community. There were 21 applications for grants this year. Whole or partial funding was given to 12 applicants:

❖ Cantemus Chamber Chorus	The Trumpet Shall Sound!
❖ Dancers Courageous	Legends Program at Buker School
❖ Friends of Hamilton-Wenham Preschool	Are You My Mother? at the North Shore Music Theater
❖ H/W Public Library	Bonaparte's Family Magic Concert
❖ H/W Public Library	History of Manga
❖ H/W Public Library	Tom Ricardi's Birds of Prey
❖ Gregory Maichack	Workshop: The Art of Pastel
❖ North Shore Youth Symphony	NYSO's Family Chamber Music Concert
❖ Sunday's in Patton Park	Summer Concert Series
❖ The Open Road Theater	Les Miserable
❖ Veterans For Peace	North Shore Peace Poetry Contest
❖ Wenham Museum	The Day Wenham Museum Went Wild

On November 15, 2006, the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council voted on and granted $10,702 for 18 grant applications for the year 2007.

Residents of Hamilton and Wenham with an interest in the arts may want to consider applying for a position on the Council. Council members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen. There are positions open on the Board for the coming year.

Meredith Gisness, Chairperson	Elizabeth Roberts
Lorrie Berry	Mary Buntin
Roberta Perkins	Heidi Blaser

HAMILTON – WENHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Facilities Improvement: It has been a full, but tiring year to make facility improvements. Our Board has purchased a new play structure for the Recreation Center's Multi-purpose field area for our pre-school population. A new backstop has been installed at Wildes Baseball field in Pingree Park. CPA monies were made available for a joint venture to renovate the outfield of the big league field at Patton Park. A new joint 2 Town, School and Recreation Department long range field use committee is being formed, which brings much promise to our current and future field issues.

Thank you: Many thanks to the Youth Sports Organizations for their continued support in working to help maintain our athletic fields, particularly in the development of maintenance plan for the Donovan property.

Programs: On the program side of our mission, many have enjoyed the new rock climbing class offered in cooperation with Gordon College. A summer Lego camp has served the need of non-sport youngsters. We have a new Movement, Music and More mornings for pre-schoolers. Finally, a Wednesday after school Sports Jam for school age youngsters rounds out our already extensive program offerings.

Recreation Board Members:
Chairman Bob Kerrigan, 2010
Jay Butler, 2009
Denis Curran, 2008
Renee LaForce-MacDonald, 2009
Jane Lyman, 2008
Lindle Willnow, 2010

Recreation Department:
Maggie Whitesell, Director
Diane Manter Brown, Administrative Assistant

RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents by meeting physical and recreational needs. We promote life-long lesions through play, education and community wide events.

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HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hamilton-Wenham Public Library had another busy year in 2006. During 2006 we reached an all time record circulation of 223,979 items. This is a 13 percent increase over last year and an 18 percent increase over 2004. We had our "200,000 Checkouts" celebration day on December 21, 2006. Our meeting rooms were used by community groups and library programs a total of 827 times. The library offered 178 adult programs and 408 children's programs. Our reference department answered 16,506 reference questions. We also hosted six excellent art exhibits during the year. We worked very hard on collection development, improving both the quality and the presentation of our library materials.

At least 1,320 children participated in our Summer Reading Program, "What's Buzzin' at Your Library," which included many reading incentives and popular programs such as a concert by Grupo Fantasia, Vehicle Night (on the hottest night of the entire summer), Birds of Prey and Charlie Hoffman's Monarch Butterfly Program.

During 2006, we added a new part-time library assistant in the children's room to improve coverage and services. We now offer two new after-school book groups for elementary school children: *Eager Readers* for children in first, second and third grade and *Schoolyard Scholars* for children in fourth and fifth grade. Encouraging interest in books at an early age is our motivation behind *Baby Bookworms*, a story time for newborns and toddlers. All of our story times and children's programs are popular and well-attended. Our young adults enjoyed babysitting courses with the American Red Cross, a graphic novel club, drama workshops with Jape Payette and the advent of a renewed youth advisory group called the "Teen Think Tank."

For adults we offered many programs including two Friday night concerts, a Genealogy Lock-in, computer classes, Literary Luncheon and other book groups, and a series of art programs in the fall. Our senior citizens come out in increasing numbers to enjoy speakers and fellowship at our monthly Koffee Klatch. During 2006 a Cribbage Club and a Knitting Group started meeting at the library.

These programs would not be possible without the generous support of the Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library who are a dedicated, helpful and hardworking group of volunteers. They held two very profitable book sales and a successful membership drive. Due to their energy and enthusiasm, the library has the following museum passes to offer the public: Boston by Food, Children's Museum in Boston, Cape Ann Historical Museum in Gloucester, DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Department of Conservation and Recreation Parks Pass, JFK Library and Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, and the Wenham Museum. This year we worked with Plymouth Rocket and the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium to become the first library in the Merrimack Valley to have a Tix-Keeper interface with our online library catalog. This software enables patrons to reserve museum passes online. The Friends also purchased new library card sleeves, shades for the large meeting room, and coffee for the Kuerig coffee machine in our new *Café BiblioTech*.

We thanked our staff and team of library volunteers at a reception on September 17, 2006. We truly depend on the support and efforts of our volunteers who are willing to help in countless ways throughout the library.

We were honored to host the Alexander Hamilton Exhibit on its nationwide tour in March. Local historians contributed to making this event a tremendous success.

Our website at www.hwlibrary.org continues to be a gateway to a commonwealth of information. All of our programs and events are listed on the website. Patrons can order library materials from home and access many databases. Besides the statewide and consortium databases, we offer our Hamilton-Wenham citizens access to Ancestry.com Library edition and the ABC-Clio Geography Database. Ancestry.com has components that can be accessed from home using one's library card barcode and the geography database can be accessed remotely with the user name and password of *hwplpatron*.

We applied for and received an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant in August. The $7,500 "On the Same Page" grant enabled Hamilton and Wenham to do their first community read: *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. Thematically related books for children and adults, as well as a multitude of programs will encourage cross-generational reading and discussion throughout the grant cycle. We thank Gordon College for partnering with us to make it possible for Tracy Kidder to come and speak in March 2007.

With a fresh coat of stain and more landscaping work, our library continues to be the gem of the community. We also added many interior improvements including a new kiosk for publicizing events and additional large print shelving. The girl scouts planted hyacinths and tulips and we look forward to enjoying them in the spring.

The Library Trustees who served during 2006 were Wendy Daynes, Chair; Doris Gallant; Annette Janes; Madelyn Liberti; Joanne Ridinger; and Elizabeth Stanton. The trustees are to be commended for their leadership and dedication to the library. This year they also added a successful fundraiser to their list of accomplishments. All of this year's high-quality events and services would not be possible without our library staff whose industriousness, creativity, talent and good humor make the library an inviting institution dedicated to lifelong learning and the joy of reading.

2006 has been a wonderful year at the library, always interesting and fulfilling. The citizens of Hamilton and Wenham are wonderful patrons, continually supportive and eager to learn; it is a joy and a privilege to work with them.

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

MAPC, established in 1963, is an independent public body to provide technical and professional resources to coordinate and improve cooperation among its 101 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts. Wenham is one of 15 communities in the North Shore Sub-region. Each member community has an appointed member of Council.

The sub region's appointed community members usually meet monthly in addition to the opportunities for region-wide presentations in and around Boston.

The Council is in its second year of its Five Year Strategic Plan aiming at a region-wide framework for planning, advocacy and collaborative action. In addition to the city and town representatives, the program is supported by state and local officials and concerned business and non-profit shareholders.

Although there are no regional programs that directly affect Wenham at this time, the town benefits from the coordination with neighboring communities and regional projects in transportation and environmental protection.

Monthly meetings are held at the Danvers Public Library or in other communities for briefings on issues of wider interest. Authorities present subjects of general interest in planning and development, available state funding possibilities and opportunities for community coordination in projects of general interest. Some areas discussed during the year are promotion of local agriculture, historic preservation, protection of water resources, housing programs, regional transportation and highway projects.

The disastrous flooding and transportation disruption last year took up most of the Commonwealth's planning and development efforts from which Wenham benefited indirectly

The local appointed members have the opportunity to learn about pertinent state and national programs that could benefit the town while being able to express the interest and priorities of their towns.

Theodore R. Wadsworth
Wenham Representative to MAPC

ANNUAL REPORT

HAMILTON-WENHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

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HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Marinel D. McGrath, Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to present 2005-2006 Annual Report for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. As you read the school reports, you will note that the strength of our school district is in the quality of our students, our faculty, our support staff, our school leadership, and our two communities.

During the 2005-2006 school year, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) had an enrollment totaling 2185 students with 948 in the elementary grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade five, 524 in the middle school grades six through eight, and 713 in the high school grades nine through twelve. The school district goal is to provide an engaging and comprehensive curriculum that challenges all students and raises their achievement level. Our students must meet not only our own local learning standards, but also the learning standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those of colleges across the country.

To realize the HWRSD goal, teams of teachers and principals work diligently to strengthen the academic program for higher student achievement by embedding all state framework requirements within a strong District curriculum. Through state and federal grants and the generosity of the Hamilton and Wenham Education Fund, teachers availed themselves of quality staff development programs to ensure successful implementation of programs. Through the dedication, commitment, and caring of our teachers and support staff, Hamilton and Wenham students were recognized for their achievements in the academics, arts, athletics, and activities during the 2005-2006 school year. Our elementary students participated in the artists in residence program; our middle school College Bowl students scored first place in a statewide competition and our sixth grade won first place in Essex County for their participation in the New England Mathematics League math team. Middle School students also were recognized for their achievements in band competitions and the Boston Globe Art Awards. Our high school students received awards at the local and state level in history and science, the New England Drama Festival, Boston Globe Key Art Awards, District Band and Chorus, Massachusetts All-State Band and Cape Ann League athletic titles including first in football and swimming while the girls' soccer team advanced and competed in the state Division III championship final.

The May 2005 MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all four subject areas tested *(see Director of Curriculum's report for detail). Every* member of the Class of 2006 has passed both the English and math sections of the MCAS which will enable all of them to graduate in June. In the area of college admission test scores, 91% of HW Regional High School students took the SAT I with an average score of 1149 (Verbal – 575 and Math - 574). Eighty-seven students took 110 Advanced Placement examinations in Calculus, English Literature, European History and U.S. History, and achieved an average score of 3.9 out of 5.0. The Class of 2006 has one semi-finalist (Laura Krachman) and eleven commended students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The H-W Regional School District continued its collaboration with the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham through the Towns/School Budget Process Committee (T/S BPC). I believe that the

successful passage of the FY 07 school budget for $23,326,779, which included a Proposition 2½ Override for $294,479, was due to the commitment made by the towns and the school district to develop our budgets with more collaboration that produced a consensus-driven result. Even with this level of commitment from the towns, the School District could not maintain "level services" for FY 07. The FY 07 budget represented a "reduced services" budget of $23,326,779 which was offset by state revenues totaling $4.5 million dollars and a $245,000 offset from the District reserve fund and balanced with the school override request of $294,479. As many know, the Chapter 70 state funding was decreased for the 7th consecutive year. In FY 01, the District received 19% of its budget from Chapter 70; in FY 07 the District received only 13% of its funding from Chapter 70 state aid. The School Committee continues to work hard with our legislators to change this formula to relieve the burden of the taxpayers.

Specifically, the FY 07 override funds provided 2.5 teaching assistants to provide reading support for 20% of our neediest K-2 students; 2.5 full time integrated arts teachers which maintained the FY 06 class size in art, music, physical education, technology education, life skills & Spanish and two high school teachers which enabled the high school to retain ten academic sections ensuring that the majority of students are fully scheduled.

The FY 07 budget also maintained funding for athletic and extracurricular fees at the 50%-50% level. Although the District lost ten teaching and support positions, the reinstatement of 7.5 full time teaching positions funded by the $294,479 override checked further erosion of the educational programs for which our District is recognized and valued. The FY 07 budget provided better learning opportunities for our students; time for our teachers to collaborate about students and curriculum, and opportunities to forge stronger relationships with families.

Additionally, the FY 07 budget, even with the school override, did not contain any funding to address our recently completed strategic plan. The Strategic Plan was developed by community and school members based upon input from nearly 300 community and school people who participated in the various focus groups. The central purpose of the Strategic Plan is to restore, rebuild, and advance the curricular programs, services, and operations that are essential for our students today. If we had followed our strategic plan, we would have restored 10 positions in the academics and the arts totaling nearly $500,000. The strategic plan is not excessive; it is what our students need.

While this budget balanced the education needs of students with economic realities, the FY 07 budget, once again, did not have the full support of our constituents. We had many constituents who believed the budget should have been higher so we could maintain a greater number of our academic programs. We also had just as many constituents who believed the budget should have been lower so as to ease the tax burden. We believed this budget was a fair, middle-of-the-road budget that had compromises on all sides.

At the June 10, 2006 School Committee meeting, the District bid farewell to eight teachers and administrators at the fourth annual "We Honor You" reception. Honored retirees included: Susan O'Brien (35 years), Charles Allen (28 years), Catherine Thibedeau (33 years), Arnie Klayman (32 years); Robert Weinhold (32 years); Marilyn DeLena (30 years), Charles E. Cooke, III (24 years) yrs and Cutler School Principal Susan L. Cooke (23 years).

No report of this kind would be complete without taking the opportunity to thank the many people who supported our schools this past year. On behalf of the students, faculty, administration, and School Committee, I thank the Friends of Pre-School, Buker, Cutler, Winthrop, Miles River, and High School, Special Education Parent Advisory Board, HW Education Fund, HW Rotary Club, HWRHS Sports and Activities Alliance, Pro Musica II, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and the many generous parents and community members who contributed time and money to support our schools.

I am also grateful to our faculty, staff, principals, assistant principals, and the District Leadership Team for their devotion to the children and youth of Hamilton and Wenham. Finally, we are most appreciative to the townspeople of Hamilton and Wenham and the Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees who have seen us through difficult times and who continue to support our efforts to make the Hamilton-Wenham Schools the very best they can be. The FY 06 Budget Process personified the values of cooperation and collaboration that embody our communities. As your Superintendent, I thank each and every community member for their support of our students.

In closing, our initiatives continue to advance the coherence and quality of our educational program. There are many goals yet to realize which are dependent upon high levels of budget funding. Our professional staff must have the resources if we are to continue to be competitive with similar school districts in developing, providing, and maintaining a high quality educational program for our students in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional Schools.

Honor Scholars at 38th Annual Banquet.

Department of Student Services

Allison Brown Collins, Interim Director of Student Services

The Student Services Department of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District provides a wide range of programs for students with disabilities, ages 3 to 22. Currently, 343 students in the District (15.8% of the general population) are identified as needing Special Education services. Special Education is a required program for all school districts under both federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Act – IDEA) and state law (Chapter 766). Eligibility for Special Education services is based upon the presence of a diagnosed disability, the inability to make effective progress in the general curriculum due to the disability, and the need for specially designed instruction or related services. A Team of teachers, parents and other professionals collaborates in making eligibility determinations for each student. Evaluation Teams, composed of trained professionals including school psychologists, special education teachers, speech and language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, and other specialists utilize a full battery of diagnostic instruments to assess the individual needs of the students.

The Integrated Preschool serves students from ages 3 to 5. Teachers, teaching assistants, monitors, and therapists work collaboratively to deliver services via an integrated model. In this setting, preschoolers learn and play together with their non-disabled peers. As students with disabilities reach school age, this inclusive and integrated model continues with most Special Education students receiving services within the general education classroom. Professional special educators, trained paraprofessionals, and therapists support our classroom teachers in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities, health and sensory disabilities, communication disorders, neurological impairments, cognitive deficits, and emotional and behavioral difficulties. The Academic Opportunities and ASPIRE programs serve our most disabled students and include academics and life skill instruction both in the school and in the community. A Language Based Program at the middle school provides specialized instruction and curricula for students with language based learning issues. At the high school level, the STAY program offers a therapeutic educational setting for students at-risk of school failure due to emotional, learning, and behavioral issues.

The Special Education Department is evaluated annually on a three-year rotation between elementary, middle school and high school programs. These evaluations are required by law of all public schools as a means of ensuring quality programs for students with disabilities. In addition, the Department of Education conducts a full Coordinated Program Review every six years, with a mid-cycle review during one of the years in between. The Coordinated Program Review for Hamilton-Wenham was conducted during October 2006 and included a review of numerous student records, tours of each building and special education facilities, parent surveys and interviews, and staff and administrative interviews. The initial response from the Department of Education commended the dedication and professionalism of District staff. A full report from the Department of Education is pending.

The Department is proud of its record of service within the District and recognizes that the high quality teaching practices of classroom teachers and the strong District Curriculum have set the climate of educational excellence that allows students with disabilities to succeed. The support of the School Committee, the Superintendent, School Administrators, families and townspeople has been essential in meeting the needs of all learners in the District.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Maryellen Duffy, Director

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District continues to work with the Leadership Team and the staff to focus the district's curriculum and professional development work around the district's goals and strategic plan

The Hamilton-Wenham School District (HWRSD) continues to renew and revise curriculum according to the guidelines established and approved in 2004. Currently, curriculum and instruction task forces are established in all content areas and Technology. The task force committees continue to work on refining curriculum guides, developing curriculum maps and establishing bench mark assessments. The Curriculum and Professional Development Committee continues to oversee the task force committees, plan the curriculum articulation days, and related professional development.

The Curriculum Office and the Technology Committee continue to over see the implementation of the five year technology plan, a framework for defining a direction for educators, determining needs in our schools, and outlining goals for our students in the area of technology. A revised Acceptable Use Policy was developed the Technology Committee and adopted by the school committee in 2006.

The Curriculum Office supervises the programming for our 17 English Language Learner students and the 61 students who qualify for Section 504 Individual Accommodation Plans. The Curriculum Office is responsible for reviewing and approving Home Education Plans for 27 students from 15 families residing in Hamilton and Wenham.

Fortunately, state and federal grants have allowed us to continue offering quality professional development opportunities and support to our teachers. The HWRSD has been able to offer its staff numerous grant funded professional development opportunities which include, Intel Teach to the Future, technology integration, the Responsive Classroom, Universal Design for Learning, Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies, and the Collaborative Project for Mathematics, Science, and Interdisciplinary Education. The Beginning Teacher Orientation, Induction and Mentoring Program and the curriculum coach positions have also been funded through grants. In addition, staff members are involved in 51 special project professional development opportunities during the early release Wednesday time period

During the 2006-2007 school year the HWRSD was awarded 7 state grants (5 entitlement and 2 competitive), 2 federal competitive grants and 3 private competitive grants totaling in the aggregate of $318,244. These grants were targeted for MCAS remediation, staff professional development, curriculum support, curriculum development, physical education, health education, mental health services, early childhood education and drug, alcohol and violence prevention programs. Staff was also involved in professional development opportunities in science, mathematics, engineering and technology through grant supported programs in collaboration with Salem State College and the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all five subject areas tested: reading, English /language arts, mathematics, and science and technology/engineering. Our school district is doing particularly well in the areas of reading (96% passing at grade 3); English (average of 98% passing at grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10), mathematics (average 95% passing at grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10) and science (97% passing at grades 5 and 8).

The HWRSD recognizes that student achievement, curriculum and professional development are interrelated and will continue to pursue and secure opportunities to support these connections.

Bessie Buker Elementary School
Brian F. O'Donoghue, Principal

The Buker School had an enrollment of 259 students in grades prek-5 during the 2005-2006 school year. It was an exciting and productive year for our school community.

The year marked the beginning of our full-day kindergarten program at each of the elementary schools. We were excited to offer this option to our families. The program was well received and we had 13 students enrolled in the class. The 2 ½ day program continued to be offered as well. Nichole Miller and Anne Page joined our staff both as kindergarten teachers and formed a successful team in their first year.

We had a few staff changes at Buker for the 2005-2006 school year. In addition to our new kindergarten team, we had changes on our grade 2 and 3 teams as well. Beth Blanchard transferred from her kindergarten position to our grade 2 team. Kathy O'Shea, who had also been teaching kindergarten at the Cutler School, joined the Buker School faculty. Patti Miller moved from grade 2 to grade 3. Karen Birner joined our Student Services team as a special education teacher. Our music program had a new look and sound with the addition of Stefanie Chiott as our music teacher.

We continued to work hard to improve our students' achievement in writing. At the elementary level, we focused our professional development in this area and worked with both Fred Wolff and Gary Chadwell throughout the year. These consultants modeled lessons in classrooms and provided teachers with training in the teaching of writing.

The Friends of Buker again supported the work we do in the classrooms through a variety of cultural enrichment experiences for our students. Among these events were individuals who provided memorable performances such as Antonio Rocha, a master storyteller and mime, engaged the entire school with his amazing performances; Pamela Powell, a published author, worked closely with grades 3-5 to assist them with the writing process; and "The Dancers Courageous" program which helped our fourth grade students connect their science curriculum with expressive dance. It was a year filled with enriching programs sponsored by our very supportive parent community.

Our active and industrious classrooms were filled with enthusiastic students and teachers. 2005-2006 highlights included the third grade culmination of their study of local history with a *Stepping Back into Massachusetts Day*. The fifth graders demonstrated their leadership skills and school spirit by coordinating a whole school reading challenge to read 200,000 minutes. The fifth grade concluded the year by performing their traditional musical, *Dig It,* directed by Ms. Stephanie Chiott. The fifth graders concluded their elementary years at Buker with a successful performance and a memorable 5th Grade Week experience.

Cutler Elementary School
Jennifer E. Clifford, Principal

There were 342 students enrolled in grades K-5 at Cutler School. This number included our integrated, five-day kindergarten class. The success of the fee-based program will allow it to continue in 2007.

It was a year of transition for Cutler School's students, staff, and families as all were involved in the selection of a new principal to lead our school. Susan Cooke retired in June 2006 after eighteen years as principal. An extensive search and interview process began in January, and in March 2006, Jennifer Clifford, a former fifth grade teacher and assistant principal at the Hastings Elementary School in Lexington, was appointed as Cutler's new principal. It has been a smooth transition thanks to our dedicated staff, families, and students.

Curriculum initiatives in 2006 included the continued implementation of the nationally recognized program, *Fundations*, focusing on early literacy, including explicit phonemic and spelling instruction. Elementary teachers continued to focus on teaching effective writing skills with an emphasis on the *Six Traits of Writing* and the *Collins Writing Program*. Teachers have used their professional development time to share students' writing and examine their own teaching of writing.

The Cutler School Council, acting in an advisory capacity to the principal, met monthly to support initiatives and school goals. This year's School Council members are: community member Susie Rowland; teachers Mary Adamik, Dede Johnson and Cerissa Schartner; parents Mary DeLorenzo, Bob Francis, and Beth Loeper; Friends of Cutler representative Anne Roberts; and Jennifer Clifford, principal. A new School Improvement Plan will be drafted by the School Council this year.

The Friends of Cutler, led by Cheryl Walsh, remained an integral support to our school by providing extensive financial and volunteer assistance. The Friends have made considerable technology contributions, placing additional SmartBoards and laptop computers in the school. They continued to bring cultural enrichment programs as well as the *Meet the Masters* program to enhance the curriculum for every student.

Cutler School also benefited from the generosity of the Hamilton-Wenham Education Fund, which placed two SmartBoards in classrooms this year. In addition, Pro Musica subsidized the program for the Honor Chorus at the elementary level. This year 4th and 5th graders that wish to participate in Honor Chorus can do so without paying a User Fee. Pro Musica continues to scholarship eligible students' instrument lessons.

Thank you for your continued support of Cutler School and our children.

Winthrop Elementary School
Martha Cesarz, Principal

There are 347 students enrolled at the Winthrop School. This number included our pre-school class, half-day kindergarten classes and the integrated, five-day, kindergarten classes.

"River Run" was a remarkable, creative, community endeavor initiated by parent, Susan Tomases to build an outdoor learning space with a gravel river bed in scale to the Miles River, garden areas and structures for exploration and investigation. We received a grant to the Toyota Tapestry Foundation $10,000 for "River Run and a grant from the Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Commission along with many donations from Winthrop School families and residents of the community. Contractors and landscapers broke ground in June with construction planned over the summer. The project was well underway by the time school opened in August, 2006. Over a hundred families worked on the project on a week-end in September with children working along with parents to sand wood, shovel gravel, strip leaves from branches to build the human-size birds' nest, and plant grass seed. Winthrop School is now the site of a one of a kind outdoor learning space for science and writing classes, exploration play at recess, and family fun on week-ends.

This year, the theme of "What Makes Winthrop Wonderful" helped us focus on the importance of each individual's contribution to our school community and the appreciation that we are a better place because everyone has different strengths and interests. The teachers and parents planned a unique way for children to learn by offering, "Academic Choice by offering over fifty topics from which children could choose. Topics were turtles, insects, ballroom dancing, calligraphy, nature study at River Run, creative writing, cooking, were just a few of the many that were planned. We accomplished the goal of children making decisions about learning and working with others who had the same interest. I appreciate the efforts and support of the staff and parents to provide engaging and meaningful experiences for children through academic choice.

As I retire at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, I realize what makes Winthrop School wonderful. The staff and parents are committed to making this school a place where children can learn, be safe, and respected in all that they do. The community has demonstrated financial support of our school over the years and has been an integral part of the school, whether it be on voting day, contributing to fundraising activities, or attending concerts and special programs. It was my good fortune to have been principal of the Winthrop School. I will fondly remember the many children, families, and community members with whom I have worked over the years. Thank you, Hamilton and Wenham, for allowing me to be part of your communities.

Miles River Middle School
Janice C. DeSantis, Principal

The 2005-2006 school year was very positive and stable for the Miles River Middle School. There were 524 students enrolled at the middle school. Although our dearly loved Art teacher, Charles Allen retired, we were able to retain our teaching staff for the second consecutive year.

Their were two major technology improvements made to the middle school thanks to the Friends of Miles River and the Hamilton-Wenham Ed Fund. The Friends provided us with twenty-four new computers and four Smart Boards. The Ed Fund also provided grant funds for two additional Smart Boards. These improvements significantly enhanced the instructional practices and resources for both teachers and students. Technology needs will continue for the middle school since they are the essential tools for learning and communication for today's students.

Curriculum development and implementation continued. As part of our multi-year Social Studies plan, our popular and sophisticated Civics course was re-instated at the eighth grade level. Also, the English Language Arts program adopted the "Six Traits" writing program to support the writing process program. In addition, all grade 6-8 students were offered the opportunity to voluntarily participate in an extended day mathematics independent inquiry program. Several students researched and presented impressive, year-long, in-depth math projects to the public in May. Our Science department began a curriculum review process to align instruction with the Massachusetts Frameworks.

Our students performed well in many ways. For 2005-2006, our students met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards set by No Child Left Behind for all student subgroups. The New England Math League ranked our students in first place in Essex County. In the fall competition, our College Bowl team ranked first in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and fifty-eighth in the world.

Although budget constraints limited professional development activities, a great deal of in-service opportunities continued on-site. Our technology coordinator, Ms. Judith Naylor, offered after school Tech Tuesday workshops as well as customized trainings on the instructional uses of Smart Boards. Other teachers offered workshops in the area of special education and writing. Through grant funding, a peer mediation program and training was offered to students and teachers.

The Miles River Middle School community thanks the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham, the Friends of Miles River, the Hamilton Wenham Ed Fund, Pro Musica, and the many volunteers for their continued support and commitment to provide our children with an excellent education.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School
Robert M. Krol, Principal

I wish to thank the quality educators serving the families of Hamilton-Wenham. Our faculty dedicated themselves to the self-study and site visit of the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASC) held in September, 2006.

Individuals who have retired from dedicated service included Marilyn DeLena, Applied Technology teacher, Arnold Klayman, English teacher, Catherine Thibedeau, English teacher, and Robert Weinhold, Social Studies teacher. They provided our students with rich and meaningful learning experiences. We also experienced the loss of Alice Schlossberg, Social Studies teacher, who passed away after her battle with pancreatic cancer. A gifted teacher, Alice was truly a school "institution" reaching out and enriching the lives of her students and her peers.

Our 713 students continue to excel in their daily academic endeavors, and in state and national testing. Our students' performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Advanced Placement, and MCAS tests are well above national and state averages. 84% of the graduating class continued their education at 4-year colleges, with an additional 9% continuing at two-year and post-secondary schools. We are also proud of our students serving in the military and those starting their careers in the workforce.

Students continue to be active in co-curricular activities with well over 150 students taking part in the annual science and history fairs and representing the high school in state, regional, and national competitions. Over 325 students were involved throughout the year in various clubs and activities.

Our art, music, and drama students continue to distinguish themselves. Several students won *Boston Globe* Key Awards, Drama Guild ensemble and individual awards at the New England One-Act Festival, and students were selected to District and All-State Band and Chorus.

Our athletic teams competed successfully in all three seasons highlighted by our Girl's Soccer Cape Ann Championship and State Tournament Finalist performance. The participation rates in athletics included 307 students in fall sports, 298 students in the spring, and 271 students in the winter season.

The support of our parent groups continues to be outstanding. The Friends of the High School, the various booster clubs, the Sports and Activities Alliance, and the Hamilton Wenham Ed Fund enriched our students' lives through their funding of athletics, extracurricular activities, and technology.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Elaina Adamo
Rebecca Agocs
Nathan Aparo
Kristen Ashley
Kelsey Atwater
Edward Babcock
Zachary Baker
Kayla Barber
Jonathan Barth
Daniel Beckett
David Bird
Andrew Black
Carly Boal
Daniel Borghetti
Julia Bradshaw
Kayleigh Brand
Charlotte Brown
Nathaniel Brown
Dana Bucci
Eric Buckley
Bailey Bullis
Patrick Carey
Michael Carter-Williams
Alexander Catalano
Zoe Catalano
Cong "Sue" Chang
Philip Chansky
Lindsey Chapman
Carl Chisholm
Rebecca Chitro
Benjamin Chmura
Peter Clay
Brian Condon
John Connery
Matthew Cook
Zachery Cotter
Ryan Counihan
Mary Cronan
Derek Curr
Ralph D'Ambrosio
Meghan DePiero
Steven DeSantis
Michael Desclos
Ryan Dix
Gary Domoracki
Shawn Donnelly
Katherine Drake
Stephen Drieze
Henry Druschel
Jillian Dubray
Andrew Duval
Taylor Englehardt
Brock Enos
Andrew Erdman
Rebecca Fallon
Ruth Fischer
Gabrielle Fleming
James Flynn
Julian Flynn
Brian Ford
Jane Frye
Connor Galligan
Matthew Galvin
Meghan Gaucher
Zachary Gaucher
Amanda Getchell
Kerry Gilmartin
Hannah Gisness
Corey Goodwin
Jared Grillo
Nicholas Harris
William Harrison
Noah Hebert
Brandon Heitz
Joanna Hession
Molly Hines
Benjamin Hopkins
Grace Hughen
Christopher Hughes
Sean Jeffery
Patrick Jenkins
Anneke Johnson
Emma Johnson
Celina Keating
Anthony Kennedy
Katie Kerrigan
Andrew Kielty
Eric Kirlis
Zion Ko
Whitman Koch
Joshua Landis
Kirsten Leach
Elisabeth Lister
Paul Littlefield
Dean Loeper
Kallie Longval
Margaret Luddy
Jackson MacDonald
Catherine MacLean
Jessica MacMillan
Vito Mammola
Matthew Manter
Robert Marks
William Martin, II
Tyler McClure
Scott McCulloch
Nathaniel McGough
Brian McGrath
Matthew McKenzie
Harriet McMath
Michael McNamara
Samantha Meade
Melissa Merrill
Joseph Milanes
Jesse Mokler
Molly Monroe
Matthew Montanari
Stephanie Morrison
Zachary Morrison
Courtney Morse
Charles Mulcahy
Rebekah Murdoch
Colleen Murphy
Greta Musacchio
Jamie Nagy
Adam Nassaf
Kara Nickas
Margaret O'Brien
Shawn O'Keefe
Morgan Obrist
Justin Pacione
Benjamin Penta
Alexandra Perkins
Evan Perkins
Pitt Petri
Stephen Pettinati
Loralee Pomilla
Simone Prioli
Samantha Prior
Marial Quezada
Samantha Raasch
Max Ravich
Samuel Rendall
Amanda Rice
Ryan Ropes
Sarah Roundy
David Rowe
Nathan Ruane
Anthony Sabatini
Samantha Sanchez
Ethan Saylor
Adelaide Scofield
Lauren Scuteri
Brendan Shaughnessy
Cyrena Shiland
Taylor Smaldone
Julia Smith
Peter Smith
John Splaine
John St. Pierre
Lauren St. Pierre
Victoria Steeves
Grace Steward
Dylan Stratton
Kyle Sullivan
Caroline Swanson
James Tambone
Sloane Thomas
Roger Thompson
Caitlyn Tobyne
Matthew Townsend
Andrew Trustey
Andrew Tuscano
Patrick Twomey
Shane Tyack
Andrew Verrington
Courtney Waring
Michael Watkins
Sara Weld
Thomas Wellwood, IV
Benjamin Willnow
Brittany Wilson
Austin Wood
Leland Woodcox
Matthew Zisson

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2006 GRADUATES

Hillarie Jeanne Aiello
Nadine Kathryn Ardon
Chelsea Alexandra Attwood
Rachel Anne Atwood
Brooke Ellen Barsanti
Amanda Davis Barthelmes
Holly Prescott Batchelder
Cyrilla Rees Beaudry
Alyssa Ann Belezos
Grace Elizabeth Boal
Thomas Peter Borghetti
Eilish Moriarty Brown
Andrew Sheridan Brown
Jonathan Peabody Brown
Nora Lindsey Brown
Adam Cory Bullis
Laurel Anne Bulloch
Shannon Leigh Burke
Susan Ashley Campbell
Julia Anne Camuso
Christopher Anthony Capozzi
Brandon Christopher Carlson
Bryan Douglas Carr
Jesse Ellis Castleman
Shauna Catherine Cauley
Dana Alfred Cecere
Haley Ann Chapman
Changgon Joseph Cho
Jared Anson Clark
Caroline Curtiss Collett
Andrew Peter Collins
Jenna Lee Craig
Melissa Sinclair Croyle
Nicholas Davis-Laspesa
David Edward DeAngelis
Andrew Holton DeBlock
Nathan Evan Kushner DeGroot
Sonja Melissa Michele DeJong
Anthony Joseph Dragonetti
Jonathan Alden Drake
Caroline Mary Duffy
Colleen Frances Duggan
Mark Anthony Dupee
Ashley Frances Elder
Michael Hill Farwell
Carol Ann Constance Ferris
Angela Marilyn Figurido
Dylan Michael Fleming
Courtney Ann Flynn
Esme Lauren Flynn
Evan MacDonald Franz
Laura Elizabeth Freeman
Anna Elisabeth Frye
Olivia Boylan Gale
Peter Joseph Gonsiorowski
Christopher Robert Goodrich
William Leland Gross
Elizabeth Marie Gwynne
Stephen Jeffrey Hamilton
Shannon Rose Harrington
Jessica Susan Hartley
Jeffrey Ryan Hattabaugh
Amanda Ruth Hayes
Daniel Mark Herrick
Jesse Falcon Hill
Hannah Elise Hoar de Galvan
Rebecca Jane Hodges
Inge Borregard Pedersen Hopps
Emily Anne Howard
Hannah Ruth Hoy
Christopher John Huggett
Lindsay Marie Hursty
Marianne Shelley Jack
Laura Rose Johnson
Sarah Louise Karpp
Elaina Christine Kazes
Stephen James Kefalas
Devon Siobhan Kelley
Brittany Shayamali Ketcham
Shan Shoukat Khan
Donald Alan Klemer
Katherine Ellen Knopf
Laura Kim Krachman
Lisa Joy Landrebe
Jasmine Lee-Barber
Kagan Michael Longval
Nicholas McLean Lounsbury
Hailee Elizabeth Lowe
Amanda Louise Lund
Alexander Sanford Madden
Nathan Douglas Maddem
Heather Jane Maes
Corey Brien Maguire
Bianca Rose Malatesta
Andrew William McCracken
Sara Moran McDermott
James Andrew McGahey
Kevin John McGrath
Matthew Robert James McGrath
Andrew Everett McIntyre
William Shore McIntyre
Maxanne Elizabeth Menezes
Sam Philip Monroe
Nicole Healey Murray
Abisa Nam
Andrew Thomas Nolan
Catherine May O'Neill
Patrick Joseph Orr
Sasha Kiely Ozahowski
Meghan Abbott Patrolia
Benjamin Shattuck Peabody
Cortney Caroline Penta
Alexandra Jaudon Percy
Anne Michelle Pomeroy
Daniel Leonard Reid
Laura Marie Ricker
Kate Rebecca Roberts
Shamus Bragan Russell
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Michael Burke Smith
Bradford Eric Smith
David Stephen Smolinski
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Allan Robert Watson
Bonnie Elizabeth Weissman
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Hilary Markham Whyte
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Mary Catherine Woodbury
Jie Xu

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Amelia P. O'Malley, Superintendent-Director
Wenham Representative
William O. Nichols

Merger Study

In **December 2004**, Senator Berry filed further legislation which called for the merger of the North Shore Technical High School and Essex Agricultural & Technical High School, defining both a **Temporary Oversight Board** and the governance structure of the new school district. It further defined the procedure for existing members to vote for the merger, and included a requirement for the School Building Authority to report on the conditions necessary to facilitate the opening of the school. The Temporary Oversight Board members were **named in 2005** and are presently awaiting another $250,000 to complete the feasibility study. The architect's have begun Phase II of the feasibility study. We expect to have the approximate cost of the new school by the end of March 2007.

Administration

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community, is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administrative team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

Enrollment

Student enrollment as of October 1, 2006 was 466. Students cite the interpersonal relationships with teachers, counselors, and administration, and the vocational/technical programs as the reasons for application. There continues to be a shortage of space for classrooms, shop areas, the library and the cafeteria. In addition, an auditorium is needed.

Students participate in programs in Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Art, Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Information Systems Technology, Graphic Arts, Health Technology, Machine Technology, Marketing and Information Systems and Masonry.

Adult Education

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than sixty (60) vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly one thousand adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include: computers, health, construction, welding and machine technology, culinary, automotive, business and personal finance. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

The Adult Education Program continues to enjoy a reputation of providing quality vocational-technical education to a demanding client that faces an ever-changing work place. We have an ongoing effort to provide competitive and progressive programming; our course offerings are continuously reviewed for either updating, or modification, and we research the local market for new offerings.

Adult Education at North Shore provides a much-needed service and is embraced by the community as an outstanding educational opportunity.

Business Office

The Department of Revenue has certified the amount in our unencumbered excess and deficiency funds/surplus revenue available July 1, 2006 at $430,839.

Funding Issues

The Fiscal 2008 Budget preparation is currently in process and will be presented to the District's Finance & Property Policy Sub-committee in February and subsequently to the District's School Committee. At this point, we have not received any financial data pertaining to fiscal 2008 from the Department of Education.

Financial Issues

Septic System
On July 17, 2006 the District issued a 10 year state serial note for $350,000 to replace the school's subsurface sewage disposal system. The project was completed over the summer. The District will make an annual principal payment of $35,000 plus semi annual interest payments beginning January 15, 2007 with the final principal and interest payment due on July 15, 2016.

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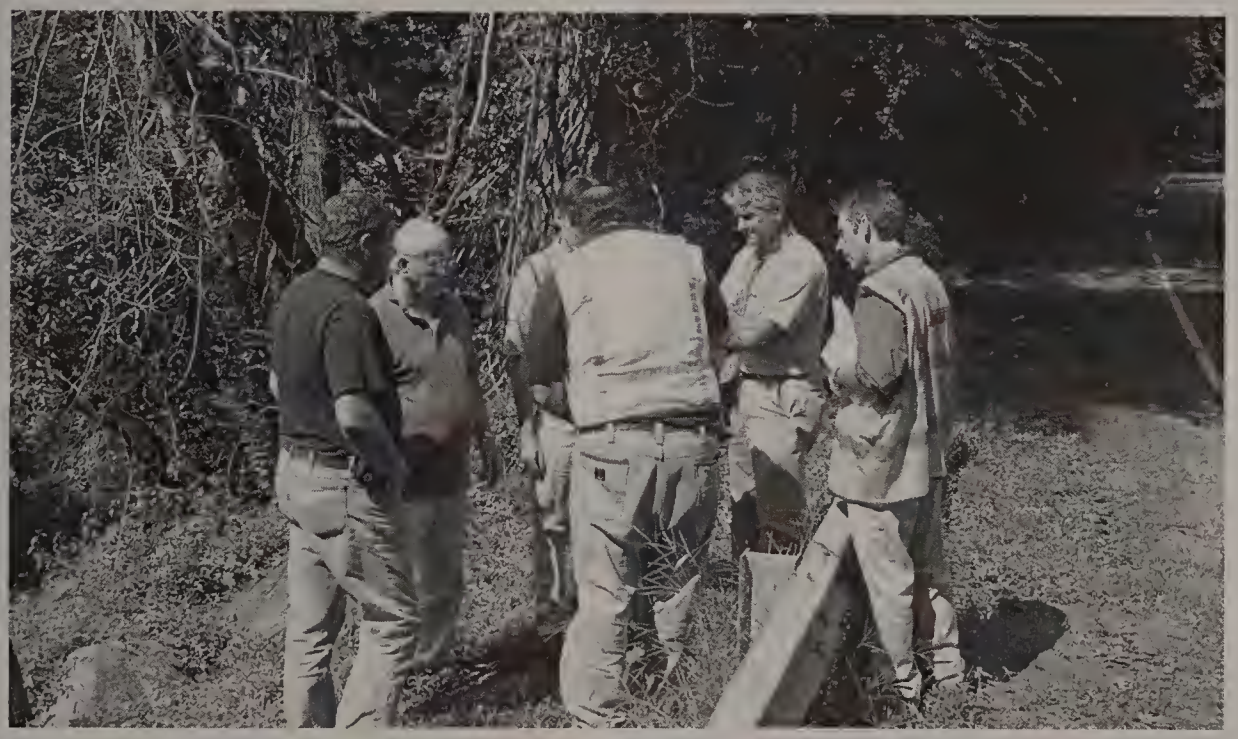
May 2006 Flooding
"MOTHERS DAY STORM"



Culvert Replacement Project

TOWN OF WENHAM

County of Essex

MASSACHUSETTS

Wenham - Incorporated 1643

(First Town set off from Salem)

Population – 5075

Area: 8.21 Square Miles

ZONING BYLAWS
First Adopted 1947

Present Minimum Lot Size: 40,000 sq. ft.; 170 ft. Frontage

Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Health Regulations require permits for new construction and alterations.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE		468-5524
BOARD OF HEALTH		468-5522
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		468-5526
EMERGENCY - FIRE OR POLICE		911
	(for exchanges other than 468)	468-4421
FINANCE DIRECTOR		468-5525
FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER	(non-emergency)	468-5508
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE - Building, Electrical, Gas & Plumbing		468-5522
LIBRARY		468-5527
POLICE DEPARTMENT	(non-emergency)	468-4000
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE		468-5523
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		468-5523
TOWN CLERK		468-5520
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		468-5521
TREASURER/COLLECTOR		468-5525

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday	9:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Friday	9:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 - 7:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN MEET TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY - FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY